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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 104–296 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 105th Congress met in their Hall, and at 12 noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Robin H. Carle.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Oh, gracious God, from whom we have come and to whom we belong, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude for all the blessings You have freely bestowed on us and the people of this Nation, and also for the responsibilities that You have entrusted to those who serve in this place.

On this first day of a new Congress, we speak with the words of the Psalmist: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Grant us, oh God, a keen awareness of the areas of life where we can serve the people of the land, and, as the scripture says, let justice flow down as waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

May we continue to build on the foundations laid down from the early days of the Nation, that in all things we may do justice, love mercy, and ever walk humbly with you.

May Your benediction, oh God, that is new every morning and is with us all the days of our lives, be upon all who serve in this place now and evermore, amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. Representatives-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 104–296 for the meeting of the 105th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 105th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

Without objection, the Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—432

ALABAMA

Aderholt, Bachus, Callahan, Cramer, Everett, Hilliard, Riley

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Hayworth, Kolbe, Pastor, Salmon, Shadegg, Stump

ARKANSAS

Berry, Dickey, Hutchinson, Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Becerra, Berman, Bilbray, Bono, Brown, Calvert, Campbell, Capps, Condit, Cox, Cunningham, Dellums, Dixon, Dooley, Doolittle, Dreier, Eshoo, Farr, Fazio, Filner, Gallegly, Harman, Herger, Horn, Hunter, Kim, Lantos, Lewis, Lofgren, Martinez, Matsui, McKeon, Millender-McDonald, Miller, Packard, Pelosi, Pombo, Radanovich, Riggs, Rogan, Rohrabacher, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Sanchez, Sherman, Stark, Tauscher, Thomas, Torres, Waters, Waxman, Woolsey

COLORADO

DeGette, Hefley, McInnis, Schaefer, Schaffer, Skaggs

CONNECTICUT

DeLauro, Gejdenson, Johnson, Kennelly, Maloney, Shays

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Bilirakis, Boyd, Brown, Canady, Davis, Deutsch, Diaz-Balart, Foley, Fowler, Goss, Hastings, McCollum, Meek, Mica, Miller, Ros-Lehtinen, Scarborough, Shaw, Stearns, Thurman, Weldon, Wexler, Young

GEORGIA

Barr, Bishop, Chambliss, Collins, Deal, Gingrich, Kingston, Lewis, Linder, McKinney, Norwood

HAWAII

Abercrombie, Mink

IDAHO

Chenoweth, Crapo

ILLINOIS

Blagojevich, Costello, Crane, Davis, Evans, Ewing, Fawell, Gutierrez, Hastert, Hyde, Jackson, LaHood, Lipinski, Manzullo, Porter, Poshard, Rush, Shimkus, Weller, Yates

INDIANA

Burton, Buyer, Carson, Hamilton, Hostettler, McIntosh, Pease, Roemer, Souder, Visclosky

IOWA

Boswell, Ganske, Latham, Leach, Nussle

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KANSAS

Moran, Snowbarger, Ryun, Tiahrt

KENTUCKY

Baesler, Lewis, Rogers, Bunning, Northup, Whitfield

LOUISIANA

Baker, John, Tauzin, Cooksey, Livingston, Jefferson, McCrery

MAINE

Allen, Baldacci

MARYLAND

Bartlett, Ehrlich, Morella, Cardin, Gilchrest, Wynn, Cummings, Hoyer

MASSACHUSETTS

Delahunt, McGovern, Olver, Frank, Meehan, Tierney, Kennedy, Moakley, Markey, Neal

MICHIGAN

Barcia, Hoekstra, Smith, Bonior, Kildee, Stabenow, Camp, Kilpatrick, Stupak, Conyers, Knollenberg, Upton, Dingell, Levin, Ehlers, Rivers

MINNESOTA

Gutknecht, Oberstar, Sabo, Luther, Peterson, Vento, Minge, Ramstad

MISSISSIPPI

Parker, Taylor, Wicker, Pickering, Thompson

MISSOURI

Blunt, Emerson, McCarthy, Clay, Gephardt, Skelton, Danner, Hulshof, Talent

MONTANA

Hill

NEBRASKA

Barrett, Bereuter, Christensen

NEVADA

Ensign, Gibbons

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bass, Sununu

NEW JERSEY

Andrews, Pallone, Roukema, Franks, Pappas, Saxton, Frelinghuysen, Pascrell, Smith, LoBiondo, Payne, Menendez, Rothman

NEW MEXICO

Richardson, Schiff, Skeen

NEW YORK

Ackerman, Lazio, Quinn, Boehlert, Lowey, Rangel, Engel, Maloney, Schumer, Flake, Manton, Serrano, Forbes, McCarthy, Slaughter, Gilman, McHugh, Solomon, Hinchey, McNulty, Towns, Houghton, Molinari, Velazquez, Kelly, Nadler, Walsh, King, Owens, LaFalce, Paxon

NORTH CAROLINA

Ballenger, Etheridge, Myrick, Burr, Hefner, Price, Clayton, Jones, Taylor, Coble, McIntyre, Watt

NORTH DAKOTA

Pomeroy

OHIO

Boehner, Chabot, Hall, Brown, Gilmor, Hobson, Kaptur, Oxley, Stokes, Kasich, Portman, Strickland, Kucinich, Pryce, Traficant, LaTourette, Regula, Ney, Sawyer

OKLAHOMA

Coburn, Largent, Watkins, Istook, Lucas, Watts

OREGON

Blumenauer, Furse, Smith, DeFazio, Hooley

PENNSYLVANIA

Borski, Gekas, McDade, Coyne, Goodling, McHale, Doyle, Greenwood, Murtha, English, Holden, Peterson, Fattah, Kanjorski, Pitts, Foglietta, Klink, Shuster, Fox, Mascara, Weldon

RHODE ISLAND

Kennedy, Weygand

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn, Inglis, Spence, Graham, Sanford, Spratt

SOUTH DAKOTA

Thune

TENNESSEE

Bryant, Ford, Jenkins, Clement, Gordon, Tanner, Duncan, Hilleary, Wamp

TEXAS

Archer, Frost, Paul, Armey, Gonzalez, Reyes, Barton, Granger, Sandlin, Bentsen, Green, Sessions, Bonilla, Hall, Smith, Brady, Hinojosa, Stenholm, Combest, Jackson-Lee, Tejeda, DeLay, Johnson, Thornberry, Doggett, Lampson, Turner, Edwards, Ortiz

UTAH

Cannon, Cook, Hansen

VERMONT

Sanders

VIRGINIA

Bateman, Goode, Scott, Bliley, Goodlatte, Sisisky, Boucher, Moran, Wolf, Davis, Pickett

WASHINGTON

Dicks, McDermott, Smith, Adam, Dunn, Metcalf, Smith, Linda, Hastings, Nethercutt, White

WEST VIRGINIA

Mollohan, Rahall, Wise

WISCONSIN

Barrett, Kleczka, Obey, Johnson, Klug, Petri, Kind, Neumann, Sensenbrenner

WYOMING

Cubin

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The CLERK. The quorum call discloses that 432 Representatives-elect have responded to their name. A quorum is present.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK

The CLERK. The Clerk will state that credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of the Honorable CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1997; the election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD as Delegate from Guam.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am honored and privileged to welcome my colleagues, their families, and the American people to this historic day.

Two years ago we began a new chapter in American history, one of faith in the strength, creativity and goodness of Americans; one where we humbly recognize that although the people sent us here to do their business, we cannot do our job without their consent and their support.

With their support, we began to change America by reforming Washington. And together, we will ensure our reforms improve Americans' quality of life. We will balance the budget, provide permanent tax relief, safer streets, better schools, a cleaner environment, and longer healthier lives with more affordable health care. It is an ambitious agenda, but it is what we were sent here to do. And we owe the American people nothing less.

With pride in what we have accomplished in the past and anticipation of what we can do together in the future, I am directed by a unanimous vote of the Republican Conference to present the name of the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH, a Representative-elect from the State of Georgia, for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OFFERED BY MR. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] for a nomination.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, I rise to a question of the highest constitutional privilege. I offer a resolution which calls for the postponement of the election of the Speaker of the House until the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct completes its work on the matters concerning Representative NEWT GINGRICH of Georgia. The resolution requires the House to proceed immediately to the election of an interim Speaker who will preside over the House until that time.

I ask for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

The CLERK. Section 30 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which is

codified in section 25 of title 2, United States Code, reads in part as follows:

At the first session of Congress after every general election of Representatives, the oath of office shall be administered by any Member of the House of Representatives to the Speaker; and by the Speaker to all Members and Delegates present, and to the Clerk, previous to entering on any other business.

This has been the law since June 1, 1789.

The precedent recorded in Hinds' Precedents of the House at volume 1, section 212, recites that, ''at the organization of the House the motion to proceed to the election of a Speaker is of the highest privilege.'' On that occasion, the Clerk stated that ''the duty of the House to organize itself is a duty devolved upon it by law, and any matter looking to the performance of that duty takes precedence in all parliamentary bodies of all minor questions.''

The Clerk cites both the statute and the precedent as controlling her decision, consistent with the modern practice of the House, to recognize nominations for Speaker.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, given the unprecedented nature of the circumstance, I urge that the Clerk permit the Representatives-elect a vote on the motion that I have submitted.

The CLERK. Is the gentleman from California appealing the ruling of the Clerk?

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, if the gentlewoman does not permit a vote under the extraordinary circumstance we face today, I would appeal the ruling of the Clerk.

The CLERK. The gentleman may appeal from the Clerk's ruling on the question of order as to the priority of business.

The question is, Shall the decision of the Clerk stand as the judgment of the House?

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Clerk, I move to lay the appeal on the table.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, on that I demand the yeas and nays on the motion to table made by the majority.

The CLERK. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER] to lay the appeal on the table.

The question was taken; and the Clerk announced that the yeas and nays appeared to have it.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 210, not voting 0, as follows:

[Roll No. 2]

YEAS—222

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brady
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gingrich
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—210

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Forbes
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Goode
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Smith, Linda
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The CLERK. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO].

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, it was obviously the desire of the minority that we resolve our leadership issues in a different manner today given the unprecedented ethical problems that confront our last Speaker. We hope that over the next month the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct can bring us a resolution of the issues that are currently before it and allow us to resolve those issues here on the floor. And so given that hope that we will be able to work together to agree on a schedule to proceed to a conclusion of this phase, it would be then my privilege as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, directed by unanimous vote of that caucus, to present for election to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress the name of the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, a Representative-elect from the State of Missouri.

The CLERK. The Honorable NEWT GINGRICH, a Representative-elect from the State of Georgia, and the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, a Representative-elect from the State of Missouri, have been placed in nomination.

Are there any further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk will appoint tellers.

The Clerk appoints the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS], the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON], the gentlewoman from New Jersey [Mrs. ROUKEMA], and the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY].

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choice.

The reading clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 3]

GINGRICH—216

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brady
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Myrick
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

GEPHARDT—205

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gonzalez
Goode
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
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Thurman
Tierney
Torres
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

LEACH—2

Campbell
Forbes

MICHEL—1

Leach

WALKER—1

Smith, Linda

PRESENT—6

Gephardt
Hostettler
Klug
Morella
Neumann
Wolf

NOT VOTING—1

Gingrich

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The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast for a person by name is 425, of which the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH of the State of Georgia has received 216, the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT of the State of Missouri has received 205, the Honorable JAMES LEACH of the State of Iowa has received 2 votes, the Honorable ROBERT MICHEL has received 1 vote, and the Honorable ROBERT WALKER has received 1 vote, with 6 voting ''present.''

Therefore, the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH of the State of Georgia, having received a majority of all votes cast by name for a candidate, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The CLERK. The gentleman from California.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, a parliamentary inquiry. I simply wish to ask the Clerk at this point if the rules or the Constitution require the Speaker to receive the votes of a majority of all the Members, or is there some other rule that comes into play at a time like this?

The CLERK. The Clerk is guided by the precedent recorded in Cannon's Precedents of the House at volume 6, section 24. On that occasion in 1923, when the House also comprised 435 seats, Speaker Gillett was elected by the votes of 215 of the Members-elect present and voting by surname, a quorum being present.

The Clerk also cites Hinds' volume 1, section 216 for this principle.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Further inquiry, Madam Clerk. Had all those Members who voted present cast their vote for another Member, would that have prevented the election of the Speaker?

The CLERK. The Clerk will not respond to that inquiry.

Therefore, the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH, of the State of Georgia, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress, having received a majority of all votes cast by name for a candidate.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY], the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER], the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COLLINS], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BISHOP], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. DEAL], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER], the gentlewoman from Georgia [Ms. MCKINNEY], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR], the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS], and the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. NORWOOD].

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 105th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

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Mr. GEPHARDT. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I will be brief. In that the Republicans have retained their majority in the House and I did not get enough votes, it is my responsibility to hand the gavel to the Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH of Georgia.

Mr. GINGRICH. Thank you, DICK.

Let me say to those who voted for me, from the bottom of my heart, thank you; to those who voted for someone else, I hope that I can work with you in such a way that you feel that I am capable of being Speaker of the whole House and representing everyone.

To the freshmen and their families and all the young people who are here today, you are part of a wonderful experience. Just as in less than 2 weeks we will welcome the President for an inaugural, we here in the legislative branch also celebrate a remarkable moment which the entire world watches, a time when an entire Nation voluntarily decides how to govern itself, and does so in such a manner that there is a sense among the entire country that freedom is secure and that every citizen can participate.

This is the 105th time we have done this as a country. Every 2 years. The first one actually did not occur until April 1, 1789, because while everyone was supposed to show up in March for the brand new Congress, they could not find a quorum. And then they all came together, and there are wonderful stories by people who were there written in their diaries and their letters about the fact that they were just folks from all over, of many different backgrounds.

Back then they would all have been male and they would all have been white and they would all have been property owners. Today we have extended democracy and freedom to levels that the Founding Fathers could not have imagined, and any citizen anywhere in the planet watching through C–SPAN and through the networks and seeing this room and its diversity can appreciate the degree to which America opens its doors and its hearts to all people of all backgrounds to have a better future.

In addition to the elected Members, we are very fortunate to have a professional staff on both sides of the aisle and a professional staff serving on a nonpartisan basis.

And let me say that I think that Robin Carle stood well as the Clerk of the House in representing all of us in establishing the dignity. And I thought that in the interchanges between her and Chairman FAZIO that the world could see legitimate partisanship engaged in legitimately exactly the way it should be, in a professional, in a courteous, in a firm way on both sides. And I think that is part of what we have to teach the world.

In just a few moments, my dear friend JOHN DINGELL, who represents a tradition in his district, who has fought all these years for all that he believes in, who in the last Congress served so ably in helping pass the telecommunications bill, is going to swear me in. And I am going to ask that I will then have a chance to swear him in.

But before that, if I might, I say to my dear friend, my wife is here and my mother and my relatives. And 2 years ago they were here with my father. He is not here today, as I think all of you know. He was an infantryman. He served this country. He believed in honor, duty, country.

Let me say to the entire House that 2 years ago when I became the first Republican Speaker in 40 years, to the degree I was too brash, too self-confident, or too pushy, I apologize. To whatever degree in any way that I have brought controversy or inappropriate attention to the House, I apologize.

It is my intention to do everything I can to work with every Member of this Congress, and I would just say, as with telecommunications in Congressman DINGELL's case, on welfare reform, on line-item veto, on telecommunications reform, on steps toward a balanced budget, again and again, we found a bipartisan majority willing to pass significant legislation, willing to work together.

There is much work to be done. I have asked Chairman HENRY HYDE of the Committee on the Judiciary to look at the issue of judicial activism. He has agreed to hold hearings looking at that issue.

I think all of us should focus on increasing American jobs through world sales, and I have asked Chairman ARCHER to look at the whole issue of taxation and how it affects American job creation.

I have also asked the Ways and Means Committee to look at oversight on NAFTA, on the World Trade Organization, because the fact is, we have to move the legislative branch into the information age. If there are going to be continuing bodies around the world, then Chairman GILMAN in International Relations and Chairman ARCHER and others have to get in the habit, I think, of a kind of aggressive oversight, reporting to the Nation on whether or not our interests are being protected.

I have also asked Chairman ARCHER to prepare a series of hearings looking at the entire issue of how we revise the entire Tax Code, whether we go toward a flat tax or whether we replace the income tax with a sales tax, or what we do, but to begin a process that, frankly, may take 4 to 6 years but is the right direction for the right reason.

Finally, I have asked Chairman SPENCE on the Committee on National Security both to look at the issue of national missile defense and to look at the question of military reform.

Let me say to all of my friends on both sides of the aisle, we have every opportunity through reform to shrink the Pentagon to a triangle. We have every opportunity to apply the lessons of downsizing, the lessons of the information age, and just because something is in uniform does not mean it has to be saluted. But instead, we should be getting every penny for our taxpayers, and we in the Congress should be looking at long-term contracting as one way to dramatically lower the cost of defense.

But I want to talk about one other area, and here I just want to say there is something more than legislation. Each of us is a leader back home, and I want to just talk very briefly about three topics, and it is about these children and their America, children on both sides of the aisle, children from all backgrounds and every State.

I think we have to ask the question, as leaders, beyond legislation: How do we continue to create one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all? I believe most Americans, whether native born or immigrant, still desire for us to be one Nation. So let me briefly talk about three areas that I think are vital.

I am going to talk just a second about race, drugs, and ignorance. First let me ask all of you, do we not need to rethink our whole approach to race? And let me draw the parallel to Dick Fosbury. He was a high jumper in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. He developed an entire new approach which is now used by everyone, yet for 6 years the U.S. Olympic Committee rejected it.

My point is very simple. I do not believe any rational American can be comfortable with where we are on the issue of race, and I think all of us ought to take on the challenge, as leaders, beyond legislation, beyond our normal jobs, of asking some new questions in some new ways.

After all, what does race mean when, if based on merit alone, ethnic Asians would make up a clear majority at the University of California at Berkeley?

What does race mean when colleges recruit minorities in the name of inclusiveness and diversity and then segregate them in their own dormitories?

What does race mean when many Americans cannot fill out their Census forms because they are an amalgam of races?

And furthermore, if those of us who are conservatives say that bureaucracy and compulsion is not the answer, then what are we going to say to a child born in a poor neighborhood with a broken home and no one to help them rise, who has no organic contact to prosperity and has no organic contact to a better future?

I mentioned this in passing 2 years ago, and one of the failures I would take some of the responsibility for, we did not follow up. But I want to put it right on the table today that every one of us, as a leader, has an obligation to reach out beyond party and beyond ideology and as Americans to say one of the highest values we are going to

spend the next 2 years on is openly dealing with the challenge of meaning that, when we say in our Declaration that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that every child in every neighborhood of every background is endowed by God, and every time America fails to meet that, we are failing to meet God's test for the country we should be.

Let me say second about drugs, I think we have to redefine and rethink our approach to drugs.

One of my close friends had her 19-year-old sister overdose, and her 19-year-old sister today is in a coma and celebrated her 20th birthday in that coma.

Drugs are not statistics. As CHARLIE RANGEL told me at breakfast just 2 years ago, drugs are real human beings being destroyed. Drugs are real violence. If we did not have drugs in this country, the amount of spouse abuse, the amount of child abuse, the amount of violence would drop dramatically. And so I want to suggest that we should take seriously reaching across all barriers in establishing an all-out effort.

The Columbia University Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse has done a fascinating study. The Center found that one of the best predictors of whether a child will stay free of drugs is whether he or she practices a religion. Joe Califano, Lyndon Johnson's former advisor and Jimmy Carter's Secretary of Health and Human Services, says that religion is part of the solution to our drug problems and to drug treatment itself. Alcoholics Anonymous refers to a higher power.

I do not know what all the answers are, but I do know that if we love these children, in addition to fighting racism and reaching out to every child, we need to decide that we are prepared to have the equivalent of an abolitionist movement against drugs and to do what it takes so that none of these children ends up in a coma celebrating their birthday or end up dead.

□ 1430

Lastly, we need to pay closer attention to a word you do not hear much anymore: Ignorance. Traditionally ignorance ranked with pestilence, hunger, war as abominations upon humanity, but in recent years the word ''ignorance'' has been cleaned up and refined into some aspect of educational failure.

I mean by ignorance something deeper. It is not about geography in the third grade. It is about learning the work ethic, it is about learning to be a citizen, it is about learning to save, it is about all the things that make us functional. It is about the things that allow virtually everybody in this room to get up each morning and have a good life. There are too many places in America where people are born into dysfunction, educated into dysfunction and live in dysfunction, and we should find a way to reach out in this modern era and use every tool at our fingertips, from computers to television to radio to personal volunteerism, so that every family that today happens to be dysfunctional has a chance within the next few years to learn to be functional, and I think we should take ignorance as serious a problem as drugs or race.

We in the Congress have one place we have an obligation beyond any other, and that is this city, and I want to commend the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, for the leadership she has shown and the courage she has shown day after day and week after week. She and the gentleman from Virginia, TOM DAVIS, and the gentleman from New York, JIM WALSH, worked their hearts out over the last 2 years, and I believe it is fair to say that in some ways we have begun to make progress.

It is not easy, it has to be done carefully, it cannot violate the right of the citizens of this city. But let us be candid. First, this is our national capital. We have a unique obligation on both sides of the aisle to care about Washington because we are today to Washington what a State government would be back home to your town. We have an unusual obligation to Washington.

Second, it is our national capital, and people looked at me as though I lost my mind 1½ years ago when I met with Mayor Barry and I said, ''You know, our vision ought to be the finest capital city in the world,'' and that ought to be our vision.

And furthermore, if we are going to talk honestly about race and we are going to talk honestly about drugs and we are going to talk honestly about ignorance, we owe it to every citizen of this District, every child in this District, to have a decent chance to grow up and to go to a school that succeeds in a neighborhood that is drug-free and safe, with an expectation of getting a job in a community that actually cares about them and provides a better future, and we should take on as a Congress all responsibilities to the District of Columbia, and we should do it proudly, and we should not be ashamed to go back home and say, ''You're darn right we're helping our national capital because we want you to visit it with pride, and we want you to know that you can say to anyone anywhere in the world come to America and visit Washington, it is a great city.''

Let me close with this final thought, and I appreciate my friend, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] standing there, and I apologize for having drawn him forward particularly since he is standing on one foot. But this has been a very difficult time, and to those who agonized and ended up voting for me, I thank them. Some of this difficulty frankly I brought on myself. We will deal with that in more detail later, and I apologize to the House and the country for having done so. Some of it is part of the natural process of partisan competition.

This morning a very dear friend of mine said that he was going to pray to God that I would win today and I asked him not to and I asked him to pray to God that whatever happens is what God wants, and then we would try to understand it and learn from it. Let me put that forward in the same thing for all of us as we approach the next 2 years.

I was really struck about a month ago when I walked down to the Lincoln Memorial and I read the Second Inaugural, which is short enough to be on the wall, and 12 times in that Inaugural Lincoln refers to God. I went back and read Washington's First Inaugural, which is replete with reference to America existing within God's framework. I read Jefferson's First Inaugural, since he is often described as a deist, which refers to the importance and the power of providence. All of my colleagues can visit the Jefferson Memorial where he says, around the top it is inscribed, ''I have sworn upon the altar of God Almighty eternal hostility against all forms of tyranny over the minds of man.''

We have much to be proud of as Americans. This is a great and a wonderful system. We have much to be ashamed of as Americans, from drug addiction to spouse and child abuse, to children living in ignorance and poverty surrounded by the greatest wealthiest nation in the world, to a political system that clearly has to be overhauled from the ground up if it is going to be worthy of the respect we want and cherish.

I would just suggest to all of my colleagues that until we learn in a nonsectarian way, not Baptist, not Catholic, not Jewish, in a nonsectarian way, until we learn to reestablish the authority that we are endowed by our Creator, that we owe it to our Creator and that we need to seek divine guidance in what we are doing, we are not going to solve this country's problems.

In that spirit, with my colleagues' prayers and help, I will seek to be worthy of being Speaker of the House, and I will seek to work with every Member sent by their constituents to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

And I now call on my dear friend, the senior Member of the House and wonderful person, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL]. I am ready to take the oath of office, and I ask the Dean of the House of Representatives, the honorable gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] to administer the oath.

Mr. DINGELL then administered the oath of office to Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to the precedents, the Chair will swear in all Members of the House at this time.

For what purpose does the gentleman from California rise?

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. HUNTER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, In lieu of requesting Representative-elect SANCHEZ to step aside, is it the fact that a notice of contest filed on behalf of Robert Dornan pursuant to the law is on file with the Clerk?

The SPEAKER. The Chair is advised by the Clerk that a notice of contest pursuant to the statute, section 382 of title 2, United States Code, has been filed with the Clerk. Under section 5 of article I of the Constitution and the statute, the House remains the judge of the elections of its Members. The seating of a Member-elect does not prejudice a contest over final right to the seat.

Mr. HOYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, am I correct that the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ], has been duly certified by the Secretary of State as duly elected from the 46th District of California?

The SPEAKER. That is the information that has been submitted to the Chair by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER. If the Members will rise, the Chair will now administer the oath of office.

The Members-elect and Delegates-elect and the Resident Commissioner-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are all now Members of the U.S. Congress.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to delayed airline flights, I missed a vote held earlier today to elect the Speaker of the House. Had I been present, I certainly would have voted for the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH].

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as their majority leader the gentleman from Texas, the Honorable RICHARD K. ARMEY.

MINORITY LEADER

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from Missouri, the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

MAJORITY WHIP

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, as leader of the Republican Conference I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as our majority whip the gentleman from Texas, the Honorable TOM DELAY.

MINORITY WHIP

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Michigan, the Honorable DAVID E. BONIOR.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE HOUSE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND CHAPLAIN

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 1) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That Robin H. Carle, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and she is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives:

That Wilson S. Livingood, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Reverend James David Ford, of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. FAZIO of California:

That Marti Thomas, of the District of Columbia, be, and she is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Sharon Daniels, of the State of Maryland, be, and she is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Steve Elmendorf, of the District of Columbia, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO].

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Will the officers-elect present themselves in the well of the House?

The officers-elect presented themselves at the bar of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You have been sworn in as officers of the House.

NOTIFICATION TO SENATE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 2) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Newt Gingrich, a Representative from the State of Georgia, has been elected Speaker; and Robin H. Carle, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 3) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 3

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT].

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 4) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 4

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Newt Gingrich, a Representative from the State of Georgia, Speaker; and Robin H. Carle, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I call up a privileged resolution (H. Res. 5) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 5

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, with the following amendments:

SECTION 1. POSTPONEMENT OF CORRECTIONS VOTES.

In clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, strike subdivisions (E) and (F), and insert in lieu thereof the following:

''(E) the question of agreeing to a motion to recommit a bill considered pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII;

''(F) the question of ordering the previous question on a question described in subdivision (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E);

''(G) the question of agreeing to an amendment to a bill considered pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII; and

''(II) the question of agreeing to a motion to suspend the rules.''.

SEC. 2. OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO ''CONTINGENT FUND''.

(a) In clause 8 of rule I—

(1) in the first sentence, strike ''contingent fund of the House'' and insert in lieu thereof ''applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X''; and

(2) in the second sentence, strike ''contingent fund'' and insert in lieu thereof ''applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X''.

(b) In clause 1(c) of rule XI, strike ''contingent fund of the House'' and insert in lieu thereof ''applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X''.

(c) In clause 4(a) of rule XI, strike ''contingent fund of the House'' and insert in lieu thereof ''applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X''.

(d) In clause 6(f) of rule XI, strike ''contingent fund'' and insert in lieu thereof ''applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X''.

SEC. 3. DRUG TESTING IN THE HOUSE.

In rule I, add the following new clause at the end:

''13. The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, shall develop through an appropriate entity of the House a system for drug testing in the House of Representatives. The system may provide for the testing of any Member, officer, or employee of the House, and otherwise shall be comparable in scope to the system for drug testing in the executive branch pursuant to Executive Order 12564 (Sept. 15, 1986). The expenses of the system may be paid from applicable accounts of the House for official expenses.''.

SEC. 4. POLICY DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

(a) In clause 1 of rule V, strike ''the Speaker and'' in both places it appears.

(b) In clause 2 of rule V, strike ''the Speaker or''.

SEC. 5. BUDGET JURISDICTION CHANGES.

(a) In clause 1(d)(3) of rule X (relating to the Committee on the Budget), strike ''congressional budget process'' and insert in lieu thereof ''budget process.''

(b) In clause 1(g)(4) of rule X (relating to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight), strike ''Budget and accounting measures, generally'' and insert in lieu thereof ''Government management and accounting measures, generally,''

SEC. 6. DESIGNATING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

(a) In clause 1(f) of rule X, strike ''Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities'' and insert in lieu thereof ''Committee on Education and the Workforce''.

(b) In clause 3(c) of rule X, strike ''Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities'' and insert in lieu thereof ''Committee on Education and the Workforce''.

SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT OF APPROVAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN COMPLAINTS.

In clause 4(d) of rule X—

(a) strike ''The Committee'' and insert in lieu thereof ''(1) The Committee'';

(b) strike ''(1) examining'' and insert in lieu thereof ''(A) examining'';

(c) strike ''(2) providing'' and insert in lieu thereof ''(B) providing'';

(d) strike ''(3) accepting'' and insert in lieu thereof ''(C) accepting''; and

(e) add the following new subparagraph at the end:

''(2) An employing office of the House of Representatives may enter a settlement of a complaint under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 that provides for the payment of funds only after receiving the joint approval of the chairman and the ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Oversight concerning the amount of such payment.''.

SEC. 8. SPECIAL AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN REPORTS.

(a) In clause 1(b) of rule XI—

(1) designate the existing matter as subparagraph (1); and

(2) add the following new subparagraphs at the end:

''(2) A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read in committee if it has been available to the members for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day).

''(3) A report of an investigation or study conducted jointly by more than one committee may be filed jointly, provided that each of the committees complies independently with all requirements for approval and filing of the report.

''(4) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress sine die, an investigative or oversight report may be filed with the Clerk at any time, provided that if a member gives timely notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that member shall be entitled to not less than seven calendar days in which to submit such views for inclusion with the report.''.

(b) In clause 1(d) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph at the end:

''(4) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress sine die, the chairman of a committee may file a report pursuant to subparagraph (1) with the Clerk at any time and without approval of the committee, provided that a copy of the report has been available to each member of the committee for at least seven calendar days and includes any supplemental, minority, or additional views submitted by a member of the committee.''

SEC. 9. COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS ON INTERNET.

In clause 2(e) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph at the end:

''(4) Each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in electronic form.''.

SEC. 10. INFORMATION REQUIRED OF PUBLIC WITNESSES.

In clause 2(g) of rule XI, amend subparagraph (4) to read as follows:

''(4) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial oral presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof. In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.''.

SEC. 11. COMMITTEES' SITTINGS.

In clause 2(i) of rule XI, strike subparagraph (1) and the designation ''(2)''.

SEC. 12. EXCEPTIONS TO FIVE-MINUTE RULE IN HEARINGS.

In clause 2(j)(2) of rule XI—

(a) strike ''Each'' and insert in lieu thereof ''(A) Subject to subdivisions (B) and (C), each''; and

(b) add the following new subdivisions at the end:

''(B) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permitting an equal number of its majority and minority party members each to question a witness for a specified period not longer than 30 minutes.

''(C) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permitting committee staff for its majority and minority party members to question a witness for equal specified periods.''.

SEC. 13. REPEAL OF INFLATION IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIREMENT; ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT REQUIREMENT.

In clause 2(l) of rule XI, amend subparagraph (4) to read as follows:

''(4) Each report of a committee on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.''.

SEC. 14. FILING OF REPORTS AFTER TIME FOR VIEWS.

In clause 2(l)(5) of rule XI—

(a) in the first sentence, strike ''three calendar days'' and insert ''two additional calendar days after the day of such notice''; and

(b) after the second sentence, insert the following new sentence: ''When time guaranteed by this subparagraph has expired (or, if sooner, when all separate views have been received), the committee may arrange to file its report with the Clerk not later than one hour after the expiration of such time.''.

SEC. 15. COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND.

In clause 5(a) of rule XI, strike ''Any such primary expense resolution'' and insert in lieu thereof the following: ''A primary expense resolution may include a reserve fund for unanticipated expenses of committees. An amount from such a reserve fund may be allocated to a committee only by the approval of the Committee on House Oversight. A primary expense resolution''.

SEC. 16. CORRECTIONS CALENDAR CHANGES.

In clause 4(a) of rule XIII—

(a) strike ''On'' and insert in lieu thereof ''At any time on'';

(b) strike ''after the Pledge of Allegiance,''; and

(c) strike ''the bills in numerical order which have'' and insert in lieu thereof ''any bill that has'';

SEC. 17 DYNAMIC ESTIMATION OF EFFECTS OF MAJOR TAX LEGISLATION.

In clause 7 of rule XIII, add the following new paragraph at the end:

''(e)(1) A report from the Committee on Ways and Means on a bill or joint resolution designated by the Majority Leader (after consultation with the Minority Leader) as major tax legislation may include a dynamic estimate of the changes in Federal revenues expected to result from enactment of the legislation. The Joint Committee on Taxation shall render a dynamic estimate of such legislation only in response to a timely request from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means (after consultation with the ranking minority member of the committee). A dynamic estimate pursuant to this paragraph may be used only for informational purposes.

''(2) In this paragraph 'dynamic estimate' means a projection based in any part on assumptions concerning probable effects of macroeconomic feedback. A dynamic estimate shall include a statement identifying all such assumptions.''.

SEC. 18, APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS CHANGES.

In clause 2 of rule XXI—

(a) in paragraph (a), strike ''in any'' and insert in lieu thereof ''in a'';

(b) amend paragraph (b) to read as follows:

''(b) No provision changing existing law shall be reported in a general appropriation bill, including a provision making the availability of funds contingent on the receipt or possession of information not required by existing law for the period of the appropriation, except germane provisions that retrench expenditures by the reduction of amounts of money covered by the bill, which may include those recommended to the Committee on Appropriations by direction of a legislative committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter thereof, and except rescissions of appropriations contained in appropriation Acts.'';

(c) amend paragraph (c) to read as follows:

''(c) No amendment to a general appropriation bill shall be in order if changing existing law, including an amendment making the availability of funds contingent on the receipt or possession of information not required by existing law for the period of the appropriation. Except as provided in paragraph (d), no amendment shall be in order during consideration of a general appropriation bill proposing a limitation not specifically contained or authorized in existing law for the period of the limitation.''; and

(d) in paragraph (d), strike ''and amendments not precluded by paragraphs (a) or (c) of this clause have been considered''.

SEC. 19. CLARIFYING DEFINITION OF INCOME TAX RATE INCREASE.

(a) In clause 5(c) of rule XXI, add the following new sentence at the end: ''For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term 'Federal income tax rate increase' means any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c) (d), or (e) of section 1, or to section 11(b) or 55(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and thereby increases the amount of tax imposed by any such section.''.

(b) In clause 5(d) of rule XXI, amend the second sentence to read as follows: ''For purposes of the preceding sentence—

''(1) the term 'Federal income tax rate increase' means any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 1, or to section 11(b) or 55(b), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and thereby increases the amount of tax imposed by any such section; and

''(2) a Federal income tax rate increase is retroactive if it applies to a period beginning prior to the enactment of the provision.''.

SEC. 20. UNFUNDED MANDATE CLARIFICATION.

In clause 5 or rule XXIII, amend paragraph (c) to read as follows:

''(c)(1) In the Committee of the Whole, an amendment proposing only to strike an unfunded mandate from the portion of the bill then open to amendment, if otherwise in order, may be precluded from consideration only by specific terms of a special order of the House.

''(2) In this paragraph, 'unfunded mandate' means a Federal intergovernmental mandate the direct costs of which exceed the threshold otherwise specified for a reported bill or joint resolution in section 424(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.''.

SEC. 21. DISCHARGE PETITION CLARIFICATION

In clause 3 of rule XXVII—

(a) strike ''either a special order of business, or'';

(b) strike ''any public bill or resolution favorably reported'' and insert in lieu thereof ''a public bill or resolution reported'';

(c) Strike ''*Provided*'' the first place it appears and insert in lieu thereof the following: ''*Provided*, That a Member may not file a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of a resolution providing for the consideration of more than one public bill or resolution, or admitting or effecting a nongermane amendment to a public bill or resolution: *Provided further*''.

SEC. 22. PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE.

In rule XXXII, add the following new clause at the end:

''5. No Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives, or any other person entitled to admission to the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto by this rule, shall knowingly distribute any political campaign contribution in the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto.''.

SEC. 23. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES RULE.

(a) Rule LI (Employment Practices) is repealed.

(b) Rule LII (Gift Rule) is redesignated as rule LI.

SEC. 24. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) In clause 5(a) of rule I, insert before the last sentence the following: ''A recorded vote taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered a vote by the yeas and nays.''.

(b) In clause 1(h)(1) of rule X, strike ''House Information Systems'' and insert in lieu thereof ''House Information Resources.''

(c) In clause 2(g)(3) of rule XI, strike ''the House Information Systems'' and insert in lieu thereof ''House Information Resources''.

(d) In clause 2(k)(5)(B) of rule XI—

(1) strike ''a majority of the members of''; and

(2) strike ''determine'' and insert ''determines''.

(e) In clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI, insert after ''concurrent resolution on the budget'' the following: ''(except that a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday on which the House is in session shall not be excluded under such section)''.

(f) In clause 4(a) of rule XXII, strike ''indorsed'' and insert in lieu thereof ''endorsed''.

(g) In clause 6 of rule XXIII, strike ''after the reporting of the bill by the committee but''.

(h) In clause 4 of rule XLIII—

(1) In clause ''excepted'' and insert in lieu thereof ''except''; and

(2) strike ''rule LII'' and insert in lieu thereof ''rule LI''.

(i) In clause 13 of rule XLIII, strike ''by House'' and insert in lieu thereof ''by the House''.

SEC. 25. SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.

In clause 4(e) of rule X, add the following new subparagraph at the end:

''(3) Effective as of noon on January 3, 1997, there is hereby established in the One Hundred Fifth Congress a Select Committee on Ethics. Effective as of noon on January 3, 1997, each Member who served as a member of the Standing Committee on Standards of Official Conduct at the expiration of the One Hundred Fourth Congress is hereby appointed as a member of the select committee. A resignation from the select committee shall be deemed effective upon notice to the House. A vacancy on the select committee shall be filled by appointment by the Leader of the party concerned. The select committee shall have jurisdiction only to resolve the Statement issued by the Investigative Subcommittee of the standing Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the One Hundred Fourth Congress relating to the official conduct of Representative Gingrich of Georgia and otherwise report to the House on the activities of that investigative subcommittee. In the exercise of that jurisdiction, the select committee shall possess the same authority as, and shall conduct its proceedings under the same rules, terms, and conditions (including extension of the service and authority of the staff and of the outside counsel commissioned by the investigative subcommittee under the same terms and conditions as in the One Hundred Fourth Congress and effective as of noon on January 3, 1997) as those applicable to the standing Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the One Hundred Fourth Congress, except that the select committee may file reports in separate volumes with the Clerk when the House is not in session and the time otherwise guaranteed by clause 2(l)(5) of rule XI

for submission of separate views shall be computed as two calendar days after the day on which the report is ordered. Expenses of the select committee may be paid from applicable accounts of the House. The select committee shall cease to exist upon final disposition by the House of a report designated by the select committee as its final report on the matter, or at the expiration of January 21, 1997, whichever is earlier.''.

Mr. ARMEY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], or his designee, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of the resolution, all time yielded is for debate purposes only.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the time allocated to me under this previous unanimous consent request be conceded to the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], the chairman of the Committee on Rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us today adopts the Rules of the House from the 104th Congress as the Rules of the House for the 105th Congress together with some 25 amendments thereto.

Mr. Speaker, I will be the first to concede that the House rules package certainly is not as bold and as innovative as the package of 31 House Rules changes we offered at the beginning of the 104th Congress, January 4, 1995. My colleagues will recall that historic day consumed over 14 hours as we provided for an extended debate and separate votes on major changes in how this House was going to operate. Among other things, we provided in that package for the elimination of three committees and 32 subcommittees, thereby shrinking the size of this Congress and setting an example for the rest of Government, the Federal Government down to local levels; a one-third reduction in committee staff and funding; the elimination of proxy voting in committees; a three-fifths vote on income tax rate increases; the first ever comprehensive audit of House finances; term limits on the Speaker and committee and subcommittee chairmen, like myself, who no longer can serve more than 6 years as chairman of the Committee on Rules; new sunshine rules to open committee hearings and meetings to the public, and to the broadcast media; an overhaul of the administrative operations of this House.

Mr. Speaker, today's rules package is indeed modest by comparison, and that is as it should be. We should not have to reinvent the wheel every 2 years, though we certainly should be willing to realign and to balance those wheels to ensure that they continue to turn smoothly and efficiently.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, the 104th Congress was the innovative Congress. The 105th Congress will be the implementation Congress, both legislatively and procedurally. As chairman of the Committee on Rules, I made clear from the outset of my chairmanship that congressional reform is a dynamic, evolutionary and incremental process, and that we should never become complacent and rest on the reform laurels of the past. For that reason, we conducted a series of four hearings in our Committee on Rules last summer entitled, ''Building on Change, Preparing for the 105th Congress'', which now is starting today.

We sent a questionnaire to all House committee chairmen and to ranking minority members on that side of the aisle, assessing our past reforms and soliciting opinions on new reform proposals. We invited all House Members to testify before the Committee on Rules on their reform ideas, and some 47 House Members from both sides and both parties respond today to that invitation with both written and oral testimony before our committee.

We also heard from outside students of the Congress, from major think tanks around this country on the basis of our survey and hearings and further discussions within our Republican Conference and leadership. We bring this resolution to the House today for your consideration and your approval.

For the most part, this resolution consists of numerous minor and technical changes from the rules of the last Congress, but it nevertheless contains some significant changes which I would like to briefly summarize at this time.

I will be placing a more detailed section by section summary and analysis in the RECORD following my remarks to make a more complete legislative history. So briefly, let me just say that first we have proposed a number of rules changes that affect our committees. Committees may adopt rules or motions to permit extended questioning of witnesses beyond the usual 5-minute rule, by both Members or staff with equal time for the majority and the minority parties. Nongovernmental witnesses at committee hearings will be required to submit with their written testimony in advance their academic and professional credentials, and a disclosure by source and amount of Federal grants and contracts over the last 3 years. The prohibition on committees sitting while the House is considering amendments would be repealed.

As my colleagues know, we waived that time after time which took up a great deal of time in this body. So we feel, since both parties agreed to it last year, that we would repeal it entirely. Inflation impact statement requirement for committee reports would be repealed, but replaced by a constitutional authority statement requirement to cite the specific powers granted to Congress on which the legislation is based. Dynamic scoring estimates on major tax legislation, designated by the majority leader, could be included in Committee on Ways and Means reports for informational purposes only. Committees would be permitted to file joint reports on investigations or studies jointly conducted.

Investigation and oversight reports would be considered as read if available to committee members at least 24 hours in advance of their consideration.

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Such reports, properly approved, could be filed after the sine die adjournment of a Congress, provided at least 7 calendar days are allowed for filing those views.

The time for filing views on the committee reports during a session would be shortened from 3 to 2 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and committees would have the automatic right to file 1 hour after the deadline for such views.

This is a proposal made by the chairman, the gentleman from Massachusetts, [Mr. MOAKLEY], before the Joint Committee on Congressional Reform in the 103rd Congress and included in his chairman's substitute for that bill.

It was a good idea then, JOE, and it is a good idea today.

We did not object to Chairman MOAKLEY'S proposal at that time when we were in the minority, and we certainly are going to offer it today in the spirit of bipartisanship.

Committees would be required, to the maximum extent feasible, to put their publications on the Internet. By publications, we intend this to include written committee materials that are otherwise made available to the public. That information ought to appear on the Internet.

The omnibus committee funding resolution could include a reserve fund for unanticipated contingencies that would not be allocated without the approval of the Committee on House Oversight. Since we are now on a 2-year committee funding cycle, this only makes good sense. It is not always possible to project committee needs 2 years in advance.

The name of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

would be changed to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the jurisdiction over the presidential budget process would be shifted from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight to the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. Speaker, beyond these changes that affect committees, this resolution contains a few other provisions that should be noted here today. The distribution of campaign contributions on the House floor in the Speaker's lobby and in the cloakrooms would be prohibited by rules of the House.

The Speaker, in consultation with the minority leader, shall develop, and this is very important and speaks to the point that our Speaker GINGRICH made earlier this afternoon, that we shall develop a system for drug testing in the House that is comparable in scope to the system that is applied in the executive branch since 1986. What this means, in effect, is that the Speaker may require mandatory or random drug testing of we Members, officers or employees of the House of Representatives, which means our staff and anyone employed by the House, but he shall implement a system at the very least comparable in scope to the program in effect in the executive branch pursuant to Ronald Reagan's executive order 12564.

Those tests would be paid for from official expense allowances of either the Members, the committees or the officers, the departments that they run.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say, the random drug testing has been so extremely effective in the executive branch, particularly in the military where illegal drug use dropped, and Members ought to listen to this, dropped from an average of 25 percent back in the early 1980's—25 percent of the enlisted personnel were using illegal drugs in one form or another—it dropped it down to less than 5 percent in just 4 years. I have no doubt that we will accomplish the same results here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, this rule does not prejudge what means of testing may be used; that is, whether it should be urine specimen or hair sample. That will be worked out by the designated entity of the Speaker in developing this system. This is a natural follow-on to the Congressional Accountability Act, in which the Congress has applied to itself the same workplace standards that apply to the executive branch and the private sector. We should be no different than others when it comes to ensuring a drug-free workplace, and this is going to help us do that.

The definition of income tax rate increases for purpose of the three-fifths vote rule and the prohibition on retroactive tax rate increases would be confined to specified sections of the Internal Revenue Code; namely, those sections dealing with individual, corporate, and alternative minimum tax rates.

More flexibility would be allowed for considering Correction Day bills out of order on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, and for postponing demands for rollcall votes on any amendments or motions to recommit.

Approval by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of proposed financial settlements in Congressional Accountability Act employee complaints would be codified in House rules. That means there is going to have to be a bipartisan agreement as to those settlements. That is the way it should be, to make sure we stick within our budgetary allocations.

The right of the majority leader to offer a motion to rise and report on appropriation bills, once the final lines have been read, would have priority over other motions to amend, and so-called made-known limitation amendments would be prohibited under the new rules.

Finally, the membership and authority of the Ethics Committee of the 104th Congress with respect to matters concerning the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] would be extended through January 21 of this year to permit it to report any recommendations to the House.

Mr. Speaker, that completes my summary of the substantial provisions of this resolution. There are other minor and technical changes that have been recommended by the Parliamentarian that are included in this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the following document titled ''Highlights of Provisions in Proposed House Rules Package for the 105th Congress.''

The material referred to is as follows:

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROVISIONS IN PROPOSED HOUSE RULES PACKAGE FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

Committees could adopt rules or motions to permit designated majority and minority members to question witnesses for more than five-minutes (but not more than 30-minutes per side, per witness), and to permit questioning of witnesses by majority and minority staff on an equal time basis.

Non-governmental witnesses would be required to submit in advance, as part of their written testimony, a curriculum vitae and a disclosure by source and amount of Federal grants and contracts received by them and the organizations they represent for the current and preceding two fiscal years.

The inflation impact statement requirement for committee reports would be repealed and replaced by a required ''Constitutional Authority Statement'' citing the specific powers granted to Congress on which the legislation is based.

Dynamic scoring estimates could be included in Ways and Means Committee reports on major tax legislation designated by the majority leader, for informational purposes.

Committees would have automatic leave until an hour after midnight on the second day after approving a measure or matter to file their report with the Clerk if notice has been given of intention to file views.

Committees would be authorized to file joint investigative and oversight reports with other committees, and to file properly approved investigative and oversight reports after a Congress has adjourned provided at least 7 calendar days are allowed for the filing of additional and minority views.

Omnibus committee expense resolutions could include a ''reserve fund'' for unanticipated committee expenses, with specific allocations subject to approval.

Committees would be required to put their publications on the Internet to the maximum extent feasible.

The definition of ''income tax rate increases'' would be tied to specific tax rates in the IRS Code (or higher new tax rates) for purposes of the three-fifths vote rule on such increases and the prohibition on retroactive tax rate increases.

The distribution of campaign contributions on the House floor and rooms leading thereto (cloak rooms and Speaker's Lobby) would be prohibited.

The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, would develop through an appropriate House entity a system for drug testing that may include any Member, officer or employee and that is otherwise comparable in scope to the present system for drug testing in the Executive Branch.

The Ethics Committee of the 104th Congress would be extended through Jan. 21, 1997, as a select committee to complete action on its subcommittee's report on Representative Gingrich.

SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTING HOUSE RULES FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

Sec. 1. Postponement of Corrections Votes: The Speaker's current authority to postpone votes on final passage of a measure would be extended to any manager's amendment, and any motion to recommit a bill (or any previous question thereon), considered under the Corrections Day process. (Rule I, clause 5(b)(1)))

Sec. 2. Obsolete References to ''Contingent Fund'': Five obsolete references to the House ''contingent fund'' would be changed to ''applicable accounts of the House''. (Rule I, clause 8, in two instances; Rule XI, clauses 1(c), 4(a), and 6(f))

*Sec. 3. Drug Testing in the House: The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, shall develop through an appropriate entity of the House a system for drug testing that may include any Member, officer or employee of the House and that is otherwise comparable in scope to the present system for drug testing in the Executive Branch. (Rule 1, clause 13).

Sec. 4. Policy Direction, and Oversight of Chief Administrative Officer: The Speaker's authority over the assignment of functions, policy direction and oversight of the CAO would be eliminated, leaving such authority exclusively with the House Oversight Committee, as it now is with respect to other House officers. (Rule V, clause 1)

Sec. 5. Budget Jurisdiction Changes: The Budget Committee would have jurisdiction over ''budget process, generally'' (and not just ''congressional budget process''). The Committee on Government Reform and Oversight's jurisdiction over ''budget and accounting measures, generally,'' would be changed to ''government management and accounting measures, generally.'' (Rule X, clauses 1(d)(3) and 1(g)(4))

*Sec. 6. Designating Committee on Education and the Workforce.—The name of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities would be changed to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Rule X, clauses 1(f) and 3(c))

Sec. 7. Requirement of Approval for Settlement of Certain Complaints: The provisions of section 2 of H. Res. 401 adopted by the House in the 104th Congress (April 16, 1996) would be extended to the 105th Congress. The provisions require the joint approval of the chairman and ranking minority member of

the House Oversight Committee of the amount of a proposed settlement of a complaint under the Congressional Accountability Act before the employing House office can enter a settlement. (Rule X, clause 4(d))

Sec. 8. Special Authorities for Certain Reports: (a) proposed investigative or oversight reports would be considered as read if available to committee members at least 24 hours in advance of their consideration; (b) committees would be authorized to file joint investigative or oversight reports with other committees on matters on which they had conducted joint studies or investigations; (c) committees would be authorized to file investigative or oversight reports after the final adjournment of a second session if they were properly approved and at least 7 calendar days are permitted for filing vies; and (d) committee final activity reports could be filed after an adjournment without formal approval if at least 7 calendar days are permitted for filing views. (Rule XI, clauses 1(b) and (d))

Sec. 9. Committee Publications on Internet: Committees would be required, to the maximum extent feasible, to make all committee publications available in electronic form. (Rule XI, clause 2(e))

Sec. 10. Information Required of Public Witnesses: Each committee shall require, to the greatest extent practicable, witnesses appearing in a non-governmental capacity to include with their advance written testimony a curriculum vitae and disclosure by source and amount of Federal government grants and contracts received by them and any entity they represent for the current and preceding two fiscal years. (Rule XI, clause 2(g))

Sec. 11. Committees' Sittings: The current prohibition on committees sitting while the House is considering legislation under the five-minute rule (except by leave of the House), would be repealed. (Rule XI, clause 2(I))

Sec. 12. Exceptions to Five-Minute Rule in Hearings: Committees would be authorized to adopt a special rule or motion (a) to permit selected majority and minority members (in equal numbers) to take more than 5-minutes in questioning witnesses, but not more than 30 minutes per side, per witness; and (b) to permit the questioning of witnesses by staff provided that staff for the minority is given equal time and opportunity to do so. (Rule XI, clause 2(j)(2))

Sec. 13. Repeal of Inflation Impact Statement Requirement; Establishment of Constitutional Authority Statement Requirement: The current requirement for inflation impact statement in committee reports on bills would be repealed. A new ''Constitutional Authority Statement'' would be required in committee reports citing the specific powers granted to Congress by the Constitution on which the proposed enactment is based. (Rule XI, clause 2(l)(4))

Sec. 14. Filing of Reports After Time for Views: The period for filing views on reports would be changed from three full days after the day on which a bill or matter is ordered reported to three days counting the day on which the matter is ordered reported. Moreover, a committee would have the automatic right to arrange to have until an hour after midnight on the third day to file its report with the Clerk if intention to file views is announced. (Rule XI, clause 2(l)(5))

Sec. 15. Committee Reserve Fund: Committee primary expense resolutions reported by the House Oversight Committee may include a reserve fund for unanticipated expenses provided that any allocation from such fund to a committee is approved by the House Oversight Committee. (Rule XI, clause 5(a))

Sec. 16. Corrections Calendar Changes: The Corrections Day rule would be amended to permit consideration of Corrections bills at any time on a Corrections Day (as opposed to immediately after the Pledge), and to permit bills to be called up in any order from the Calendar (as opposed to only in the numerical order in which they appear on the Calendar). (Rule XIII, clause 4(a))

Sec. 17. Dynamic Estimation of Effects of Major Tax Legislation: A report by the Ways and Means Committee on major tax legislation (as designated by the majority leader in consultation with the minority leader) may include an estimate of the change in revenues resulting from the enactment of the legislation on the basis of assumptions that estimate the probable dynamic macroeconomic feedback effects of such legislation. The Joint Tax Committee would be required to produce such an estimate if requested by the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Such estimates shall be for informational purposes only. (Rule XIII, clause 7)

Sec. 18. Appropriations Process Changes: No provision could be reported in a general appropriations bill, or considered as an amendment thereto, making the availability of funds contingent on the receipt or possession of information not required by existing law except germane provisions that retrench expenditures. The current right of the Majority Leader or a designee to offer the motion to rise and report at the end of the reading of appropriations bills for amendment would be clarified to ensure that the motion could not be preempted by the offering of regular amendments. (Rule XXI, clause 2 (a), (b), (c), and (d))

Sec. 19. Clarifying the Definition of Income Tax Rate Increase: The definition of Federal income tax rate increases for purposes of the rules requiring a three-fifths vote on such increases and prohibiting retroactive income tax rate increases would be narrowed to include only increases in existing specific statutory Federal income tax rates in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (sec. 1 (a)–(e), sec. 11(b), or sec. 55(b)) or adding new income tax rates to the highest of such specific income tax rates. (Rule XXI, clause 5 (c) and (d))

Sec. 20. Unfunded Mandate Clarification: The current rule permitting an amendment to strike an unfunded mandate from a bill unless otherwise precluded by a special order of the House would be clarified by specifying that the reference to section 424(a)(1) of the Budget Act is to a ''Federal intergovernmental mandate'' whose direct costs exceed the threshold amounts specified in that section of the Budget Act. (Rule XXIII, clause 5(c))

Sec. 21. Discharge Petition Clarification: The existing discharge rule would be amended to clarify that petitions may be filed on resolutions from the Rules Committee providing for the consideration of any unreported or any reported measure (not just those reported ''favorably''), that such special rules may provide for the consideration of only one measure, and that the special rule may not provide for the consideration of non-germane amendments to such a measure. (Rule XXVII, clause 3)

Sec. 22. Prohibiting the Distribution of Campaign Contributions in the Hall of the House: No Member, officer, or employee of the House could knowingly distribute campaign contributions on the House floor or rooms leading thereto. (Rule XXXII, clause 5)

Sec. 23. Repeal Obsolete Employment Practices Rule: The House ''Employment Practices'' rule, which has been replaced by the Congressional Accountability Act, would be repealed, and Rule LII (Gift Rule) would be redesignated as rule LI. (Rule LI)

Sec. 24. Technical Amendments: (a) A recorded vote taken pursuant to clause 5(a) of rule I (postponement of certain votes) shall be considered a vote by the yeas and nays; (b) and (c) Obsolete references to the ''House Information Systems'' would be changed to the ''House Information Resources''; (d) The procedures for a committee vote on whether to close an investigatory hearing because testimony might tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person would be changed to clarify that the hearing would not be closed if a majority of those voting (a committee majority being present)—instead of a majority of committee members—determine that the evidence or testimony would not tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person. (Rule XI, clause 2(k)(5)(B); (e) The layover requirement for budget committee reports on budget resolutions would be conformed to those for other committee reports to the extent that Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays on which the House is in session would be counted as days of availability of the report. (Rule XI, clause 2(1)(6)); (f) The spelling of ''endorsed'' would be corrected in rule XXII, clause 4(a); (g) The rule giving special protections to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record would apply to any measure under consideration and not just to those reported by a committee. (Rule XXIII, clause 6); (h) The word ''excepted'' would be changed to ''except'' before ''as provided in rule LI (Gift Rule)'' in clause 4 of rule XLIII; and (I) the words ''by House'' would be changed to ''by the House'' in clause 13 of rule XLIII (relating to the non-disclosure oath or affirmation required for access to classified information).

*Sec. 25. Select Committee on Ethics: The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the 104th Congress would be re-established in the 105th Congress as a select committee for a period ending on January 21, 1997, for the purpose of completing its work on the report isued by its subcommittee involving the official conduct of Representative Newt Gingrich.

*Denotes changes from summary and GPO ''Committee Print'' of resolution released on Friday, January 3, 1997.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING HOUSE RULES FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

Introduction: As in the past, the introductory paragraph of the resolution adopts the rules of the previous Congress, in this case the 104th Congress, together with applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted House Rules in the previous Congress, as the Rules of the House of the new Congress (the 105th Congress), together with the amendments listed in the resolution. In the case of this resolution, following this introductory paragraph are 25 sections containing direct amendments to the Rules of the 104th Congress, listed generally in the order in which the Rules are amended, from Rule I through Rule II.

Section 1. Postponement of Corrections Votes: Clause 5(b)(1) of House Rule I (''Duties of the Speaker'') currently lists those matters on which the Speaker may postpone a demand for a rollcall vote until later in the same day or for up to two legislative days. These include votes on the previous question and on passing a bill. On January 20, 1995, the House adopted H. Res. 168, abolishing the Consent Calendar and replacing it with a new Corrections Calendar on which the Speaker could place bills that had been reported from committees and placed on the Union Calendar. The Corrections Calendar is called on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, and bills called from it are subject to one hour of debate, are not subject to amendments except committee amendments or amendments offered by the chairman of

the primary committee or a designee, are subject to one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and require a three-fifths vote for passage. The amendment proposed by this section would extend the Speaker's right to postpone votes to amendments offered to Corrections bills and to the motion to recommit. (See section 16 below for other Corrections Calendar changes.)

Section 2. Obsolete References to the ''Contingent Fund:'' When the Rules of the 104th Congress were adopted, the term ''contingent fund'' of the House was generally replaced by the term ''applicable accounts of the House.'' However, some instances of the use of the term ''contingent fund'' were overlooked at that time. The purpose of this section is to replace the remaining for obsolete references to the contingent fund.

Section 3. Drug Testing in the House: This section would amend House Rule I (''Duties of the Speaker'') by adding a new clause 13 that requires the Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, to develop a system for drug testing in the House that may include testing of any Member, officer or employee and that is otherwise comparable in scope to the system for drug testing in the Executive Branch pursuant to Executive Order 12564. Moreover, it authorizes expenses for the new drug testing system to be paid from the applicable accounts of the House as official expenses. The policy of the Drug-free Workplace Program in the Executive Branch is to test applicants for certain positions classified as ''sensitive,'' relating to national security, law enforcement, public health or safety, etc. Periodic random testing is also required for incumbents of these positions. The Executive Branch system authorizes the head of each agency to designate such other employees as the employer deems appropriate for such testing according to specific criteria. The Executive system does not require testing of elected officials (the President and Vice President), but cabinet officers and most sub-cabinet, Senate-confirmable officials are ''preferred'' for testing (except where impractical). In the case of the Executive Office of the President, which includes the White House, all applicants for employment are pre-tested, and most employees are designated for periodic, random testing. Nothing in this section should be construed as pre-determining or precluding what means of testing may be chosen by the House (whether by hair sample or urine specimen). The standard of comparability with the Executive system refers only to the scope of persons to be tested.

Section 4. Policy Direction and Oversight of Chief Administrative Officers: This section strikes the Speaker as one of two entities providing policy direction and oversight of the Chief Administrative Officer, thereby leaving this responsibility exclusively with the House Oversight Committee, as it now is with respect to other House officers.

Section 5. Budget Jurisdiction Changes: The jurisdiction of the Budget Committee is changed by striking ''congressional budget process'' and inserting in lieu, ''budget process.'' The jurisdiction of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is changed by striking ''budget and accounting measures, generally,'' and replacing it with ''Government management and accounting measures, generally,'' The intent of this is to give the Budget Committee jurisdiction over the President's budget process as well as the congressional budget process, and thereby to avoid duplication with the Government Reform and Oversight Committee in this area. This change will not alter Government Reform and Oversight's existing legislative jurisdiction over such matters as government management and reorganization, the Office of Management and Budget's management, regulatory, and other coordinating functions, or the General Accounting Office.

Section 6. Designating Committee on Education and the Workforce: The name of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities would be changed to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Section 7. Requirement of Approval for Settlement of Certain Complaints: This section incorporates the language of section 2 of H. Res. 401, 104th Congress, adopted by the House on a voice vote on April 16, 1996. Since a simple House resolution loses its force and effect at the end of a Congress, it was decided in this instance to incorporate its provisions in the standing Rules of the House for the 105th Congress. The section requires that before any financial settlement can be entered into by an employing office of the House with an employee under the Congressional Accountability Act, the amount of the proposed settlement must be jointly approved by the chairman and ranking minority member of the House Oversight Committee which has responsibility for monitoring House expenditures from various accounts to ensure they remain within amounts budgeted.

Section 8. Special Authorities for Certain Reports: (a) The first subsection provides that if a proposed investigative or oversight report has been made available to the members of a committee at least 24 hours prior to its consideration (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in session), it shall be considered as read. The purpose of this provision is to both encourage the advance distribution of such reports and to avoid prolonged delays that could result if any member demanded that the report be read in full. Since such reports, unlike bills, are not read by section or paragraph for amendment, this in no way affects the right of members to offer amendments to any portion of the report once it has been considered as read. (b) A report on an investigation or study conducted jointly by two or more committees could be filed jointly with the House. This in no way alters the requirement that each committee must act individually in compliance with House rules, including a majority quorum to approve the report and the opportunity and time for filing supplemental, minority, or additional views by members of each committee if requested at the time of the report's approval. (c) An investigative or oversight report could be filed by a committee with the Clerk after the sine die adjournment of the last regular session of the Congress, and members would have seven calendar days in which to file their views to be included with the report if timely notice is given of the intention to file views. ''Timely notice'' is the same as required under existing House rules: the notice must be given at the time of approval of the report. Such authority to file in the past has been secured by unanimous consent of the House or special resolution. This will obviate the need for special leave of the House for filing a report when the House is not in session. Moreover, this extends to seven calendar days time for filing views in recognition of the fact that it will probably take longer for members of the committee to develop and submit their views if the Congress had adjourned and they are away from their Washington offices. (d) The final activity reports of committees may be filed after the adjournment sine die of the last regular session of a Congress without approval of the committee, provided seven calendar days are allowed for the filing of views. The current rule for activity reports is an anomaly in that it does not technically allow for filing an unapproved reports. However, the practice of filing such reports has long been recognized as a practical matter since such reports usually are not drafted until after a Congress has finally adjourned. The right to file views with such reports has always existed, though only recognized and utilized in the last several congresses. This only changes that right to the extent that it expands to seven calendar days the time in which such views may be submitted, dating from the day on which the report is made available to the members.

Section 9. Committee Documents on the Internet: This section requires House committees, ''to the maximum extent feasible,'' to make their ''publications'' available in electronic form. The purpose of this section is to encourage committees to make every effort practicable to ensure that what is available to the public in printed form also be made available electronically. It is expected that, early in the 105th Congress, further guidelines will be developed between the Committee on House Oversight, House Information Resources, and various committees, outlining what materials should be made available and on what web sites. As a general rule of thumb, the term ''publications'' should be interpreted to mean printed materials of the committee which are generally made available for distribution to the public.

Section 10. Information Required of Public Witnesses: Committees shall require, to the greatest extent practicable, that non-governmental witnesses include as part of their written testimony that is already required by House Rules to be submitted in advance, both a curriculum vitae and a disclosure by source and amount of federal grants and contracts received by them and any organizations they represent at that hearing in the current and preceding two fiscal years, to the extent that such information is relevant to the subject matter of, and the witness' representational capacity at, that hearing. The purpose of these new requirements is to give committee members, the public, and the press a more detailed context in which to consider a witness' testimony in terms of their education, experience, and the extent to which they or the organizations being represented have benefited from Federal grants and contracts related to their appearance. It is not the intention of this section, for instance, to require individuals to disclose the amounts of Federal entitlements they have received, such as from Medicare or Social Security or other income support payments or individual benefits, or to require farmers to disclose amounts received in crop or commodity price support payments. Instead, the disclosure requirement is designed to elicit information from those who have received Federal grants or contracts for the purpose of providing the government or other individuals or entities with specified goods, services, or information. While failure to comply fully with this requirement would not give rise to a point of order against the witness' testifying, it could result in an objection to including the witness' written testimony the hearing record in the absence of such disclosure.

Section 11. Committees' Sittings: The prohibition on committees' sitting while the House is considering amendments under the five-minute rule is repealed. This provision had originally been repealed at the beginning of the 103rd Congress, but was reinstituted with the adoption of House Rules at the beginning of the 104th Congress. Because the requirement was waived by the House almost daily given the realities of committee and House floor scheduling, it was found to be impractical and impossible to enforce. This repeal should in no way be construed as authorizing committees to sit while the House is conducting a rollcall vote

with the limited, 15-minutes in which to respond. The current prohibition on committees' sitting while there is a joint, House-Senate session or meeting would be retained.

Section 12. Exceptions to Five-Minute Rule in Hearings: Committees would be given the discretion, either by committee rule or motion, to provide an exception to the current 5-minute rule limitation on members' questioning of witnesses. The rule or motion could permit designated majority and minority party members or staff to question witnesses for a period longer than their usual, 5-minute entitlement. It is the clear intent of this rule that any such time be equally divided between the majority and minority parties. In the case of member questioning, not more than 30 minutes per party of such extended questioning could be used for any witness. A motion under this House rule would not be privileged for any member of a committee to offer. Instead, it would be at the discretion of the chair to recognize a member to offer such a motion. While the rule does not specifically limit staff questioning to 30 minutes per side, it is not expected that committees would grant a longer period for staff questioning unless all committee members present have first had an opportunity to question the witness.

Section 13. Repeal of Inflation Impact Statement Requirement; Establishment of Constitutional Authority Statement Requirement: The current House Rule requirement that committee reports on public measures include a detailed, analytical statement on whether the legislation would have an inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy, would be repealed. The provision would be replaced by a requirement that committees include in their reports on public bills and joint resolutions a ''constitutional authority statement'' citing the specific powers granted to the Congress by the Constitution to enact the proposed law. It is expected that committees will not rely only on the so-called ''elastic'' or ''necessary and proper'' clause and that they will not cite the preamble to the Constitution as a specific power granted to the Congress by the Constitution. A point of order would not lie against consideration of a bill so long as the report on the measure includes a ''constitutional authority statement'' that cites specific powers in the Constitution granted to the Congress on which the committee claims measure is based. A point of order would not lie on grounds that the authority statement is otherwise inadequate, inaccurate, or constitutionally unsound, since it is not within the province of the Chair, by House precedent and practice, to rule on questions of constitutionality.

Section 14. Filing of Reports After Time for Views: The current three-day time-frame for filing views on committee reports would be reduced to two days after the day on which the measure or matter is ordered reported. Moreover, committees would have the automatic right to file their reports with the Clerk up to one-hour after the expiration of this time period, provided that a request had been made to file views. Two things should be noted: first, the right for late filing of a report is not automatic if no opportunity to file views has been requested; and, second, the rule requires that committees ''arrange'' with the Clerk for late filing when views have been requested. They should not expect that the Clerk's office will be open late every night to receive filed reports. Finally, committees may file sooner than the expiration of the second day if they know that all views have been received. They should therefore advise committee members to notify them by a time certain (preferably later on the day of approval) if they intend to file views since a request made by any member protects the right of all members to file views.

Section 15. Committee Reserve Fund: This section authorizes the Committee on House Oversight to include with its biennial, primary expense resolution for committees a ''reserve fund'' for unanticipated committee expenses. The actual allocation of any money from the reserve fund would be subject to approval by the House Oversight Committee. This is similar to a provision contained in the Senate's biennial committee funding resolution. Since it is sometimes difficult to accurately project total expenses for a two-year period given unexpected developments and demands on a committee over the course of a Congress, this reserve fund is designed to be used in such extraordinary circumstances without the need for a supplemental expense resolution. Committees should not expect that this reserve fund will be readily available for all committees to tap at any time. Instead, it is anticipated that it will be relatively limited in amount for use only in extraordinary, emergency or high priority circumstances, and that any proposals for its allocation will be carefully scrutinized and coordinated at the highest levels before it is put to a vote by the House Oversight Committee. Other committee requests beyond their initial, biennial budget authorization will still require a supplemental expense resolution to be approved by the House.

Section 16. Corrections Calendar Changes: This section would make two changes in the order of consideration of bills from the Corrections Calendar. (See section 1 above for an explanation of the Corrections Calendar and changes made in the postponement of certain votes on Corrections bills.) First, it would no longer be required that the Corrections Calendar be called immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance on a Corrections Day (the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month). It could be called at any time on a Corrections Day. Second, it would no longer be required that bills on the Corrections Calendar be called in the numerical order in which they appear on the Corrections Calendar. They could be called in any order, so long as they have been on the Calendar for at least three legislative days. The main purpose of these changes is to permit the Leadership, in working with committee chairmen, to have the maximum flexibility possible in scheduling both Corrections bills and Suspension bills on such days.

Section 17. Dynamic Estimation of Effects of Major Tax Legislation: This section would permit the House majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, to designate certain legislation as ''major tax legislation.'' It is anticipated that the designation would be in the form of a publicly-released letter from the majority leader to the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. The designation in turn would authorize the Committee on Ways and Means to include in its report on the legislation a dynamic estimate of changes in Federal revenues expected to result from enactment. The Joint Committee on Taxation shall only provide such an estimate to the Ways and Means Committee in response to a timely request from its chairman (after consultation with the ranking minority member). Such estimates shall be for informational purposes only. This means that in no way are they to be depended upon or looked to for purposes of enforcement or scorekeeping under the terms of the Congressional Budget Act. ''Dynamic estimate'' is defined as meaning a projection based in any part on assumptions concerning the probable effects of macroeconomic feedback resulting from the enactment of the legislation. The estimate shall include a statement identifying all such assumptions.

Section 18. Appropriations Process Changes: This section makes two changes regarding the consideration of appropriations bills. First, it would make clear that the Appropriations Committee could not report, nor could an amendment be considered by the House, that makes the availability of funds contingent upon the receipt or possession of information by the funding authority if such information is not required by existing law. This is designed to prohibit the consideration of so-called ''made known'' provisions and amendments which in the past have been used as a technical loophole to circumvent the prohibition on legislating in an appropriations measure. The second provision would make clear that, once the final lines of a bill have been read for amendment, and it is in order to consider so-called limitation amendments, other amendments could not be offered as a means of preempting the right of the majority leader or a designee to offer the privileged motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House. This simply makes clear that the right granted to the majority leader to offer the motion to rise and report during the limitation amendment process has precedence over any motion to amend.

Section 19. Clarifying Definition of Income Tax Rate Increase: This section clarifies the definition of ''income tax rate increases'' for the purposes of clauses 5(c) and (d) of House Rule XXI which require a three-fifths vote on any amendment or bill containing such an increase, and prohibits the consideration of any amendment or bill containing a retroactive income tax rate increase, respectively. A ''federal income tax rate increase'' is any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 1 (the individual income tax rates), to subsection (b) of section 11 (the corporate income tax rates), or to subsection (b) of section 55 (the alternative minimum tax rates) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which (1) imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and (2) thereby increases the amount of tax imposed by any such section.

Thus, paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule XXI clause 5 would apply only to specific amendments to the explicitly stated income tax rate percentages of Internal Revenue Code sections 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 11(b) and 55(b). The rules are not intended to apply to provisions in a bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference report merely because those provisions increase revenues or effective tax rates. Rather, the rules are intended to be an impediment to attempts to increase the existing income tax rates. The rules would not apply, for example, to modifications to tax rate brackets (including those contained in the specified subsections), filing status, deductions, exclusions, exemptions, credits, or similar aspects of the Federal income tax system and mere extensions of an expiring or expired income tax provision. In addition, to be subject to the rule, the amendment to Internal Revenue Code section 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 11(b), or 55(b) must increase the amount of tax imposed by the section. Accordingly, a modification to the income tax rate percentages in those sections that results in a reduction in the amount of tax imposed would not be subject to the rule.

Section 20. Unfunded Mandate Clarification: This section clarifies that the right to offer a motion to strike an unfunded mandate provision from a bill, unless precluded by special order of the House, applies to unfunded Federal intergovernmental mandates that exceed the threshold contained in section 424(a)(1) of the Budget Act. The clause being amended (clause 5(c) of rule XXIII) merely referenced the applicable section of

the Budget Act and did not make clear that its reference is to intergovernmental mandates as opposed to private section mandates.

Section 21. Discharge Petition Clarification: This section makes clear the original intent of permitting discharge petitions on resolutions from the Rules Committee was for the purpose of a resolution making in order the consideration of a single measure that has been introduced for at least 30 legislative days (and not multiple measures), and that such a resolution may only make in order germane amendments to such a measure. Without this clarification, the intent of allowing discharge petitions on resolutions from the Rules Committee could completely distort the purposes of the discharge rule by making in order completely unrelated matters. Members should be fully aware when signing a discharge petition that it is being confined to the subject matter of the bill being made in order for consideration by the resolution they are being asked to discharge from the Rules Committee.

Sec. 22. Prohibiting the Distribution of Campaign Contributions in the Hall of the House: House Rule XXXII (''Of Admission to the Floor'') would be amended by adding a new clause 5 prohibiting the knowing distribution of campaign contributions in the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto by any Member, officer, employee or other person having floor privileges. The ''rooms leading thereto'' are commonly understood under the rule as being the majority and minority cloakrooms and the Speaker's Lobby.

Section 23. Repeal of Obsolete Employment Practice Rule: House Rule LI, relating to House Employment Practices, is repealed as obsolete because it has been replaced by the provisions of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1). House Rule LII, the Gift Rule, is consequently redesignated as Rule LI.

Section 24. Technical Amendments: This section makes nine technical amendments to the Rules of the 104th Congress for purposes of the Rules of the 105th Congress, as follows:

(a) A recorded vote taken pursuant to clause 5(a) of rule I shall be considered a vote by the yeas and nays. This in no way changes the existing threshold for demanding a recorded vote, but simply avoids a possible second vote on the same question if someone should demand the Yeas and Nays.

(b) and (c) Two references to the ''House Information Systems'' are replaced by its redesignated name, ''House Information Resources.''

(d) This subsection clarifies the provisions for closing investigative hearings if it is asserted that any information to be disclosed may tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person. Whereas a quorum for taking testimony (which may be as few as two of the members) is required to vote on closing an investigative hearing for such purposes, the current rule goes on to read that the hearing may only be kept open if a majority of members of the committee, a majority being present, determine that it would not tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person. The proposed amendment strikes ''a majority of the members of,'' leaving the subsection to read: ''only if the committee, a majority being present, determines that such evidence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.'' In short, this would restore the concept of majority, rather than super-majority rule by requiring that a majority of those voting (rather than a majority of the total membership of the committee), a majority being present, are sufficient to keep the hearing open.

(e) This subsection clarifies that the layover period for reports on budget resolutions shall include days on which the House is in session (including any Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday), thereby conforming it to the language that applies to the layover period for other committee reports.

(f) This subsection corrects the spelling of the word ''endorsed'' in clause 4(a) of rule XXIII.

(g) This subsection would amend clause 6 of rule XXIII to ensure that certain rights of Members to offer amendments in the Committee of the Whole if they have been preprinted in the Congressional Record would apply to unreported as well as reported bills.

(h) This subsection amends clause 4 of rule XLIII (Code of Official Conduct) in two ways: first, by changing the word ''excepted'' to ''except,'' and secondly, by changing the reference to the ''Gift Rule'' from rule LII to rule LI (see section 22 above).

(i) This subsection would replace the term ''by House'' to ''by the House'' in clause 13 of rule XLIII (Code of Official Conduct)

Sec. 25. Select Committee on Ethics: This section would extend until January 21, 1997, the membership and authority of the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct of the 104th Congress as a select committee of the 105th Congress for the purpose of taking final action on its subcommittee report on the conduct of Representative Gingrich. Any vacancies would be filled by the majority or minority leaders concerned.

The provision is necessary since the Committee of the 104th Congress officially expired at noon on January 3rd, 1997, and thus has no authority in the new Congress to make any recommendations or report to the House on the pending case. The new select committee will be considered to have been created at noon on January 3rd to ensure continuity.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 1997.

Hon. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON,
Chairman, Committee on Rules, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to express my understanding of the proposed change to clause 5 (c) and (d) of Rule XXI of the Rules of the House, regarding the definition of income tax rate increase.

Specifically, subsections (c) and (d) of Rule XXI clause 5 are clarified by defining ''Federal income tax rate increase.'' A ''federal income tax rate increase'' is any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 1 (the individual income tax rates), to subsection (b) of section 11 (the corporate income tax rates), or to subsection (b) of section 55 (the alternative minimum tax rates) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which (1) imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and (2) thereby increases the amount of tax imposed by any such section.

Thus, subsections (c) and (d) of Rule XXI clause 5 would apply only to specific amendments to the explicitly stated income tax rate percentages of Internal Revenue Code sections 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 11(b) and 55(b). The rules are not intended to apply to provisions in a bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference report merely because those provisions increase revenues or effective tax rates. Rather, the rules are intended to be an impediment to attempts to increase the existing income tax rates. The rules would not apply, for example, to modifications to tax rate brackets (including those contained in the specified subsections), filing status, deductions, exclusions, exemptions, credits, or similar aspects of the Federal income tax system and mere extensions of an expiring or expired income tax provision.

In addition, to be subject to the rule, the amendment to Internal Revenue Code section 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 11(b), or 55(b) must increase the amount of tax imposed by the section. Accordingly, a modification to the income tax rate percentages in those sections that results in a reduction in the amount of tax imposed would not be subject to the rule.

These rules are designed as a barrier to attempts to increase the existing income tax rates. Had the House rules included subsections (c) and (d) since 1989, they would have applied to the creation of the 36% and 39.6% income tax rates and 26% and 28% alternative minimum tax rates in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. They would also have applied to the proposed creation of a 36% income tax rate in H.R. 4210, as passed by the Congress in 1992 and vetoed by President Bush. Subsection (c) would have applied as well to the creation of the 31% income tax rate and 24% alternative minimum tax rate in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

I would appreciate your confirmation of this understanding. Thank you again for your and your staff's ongoing assistance to the Committee on Ways and Means. With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER,
Chairman.

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

SOLOMON RELEASES COMPARATIVE LEGISLATIVE DATA FOR 103RD & 104TH CONGRESSES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rules Committee Chairman Gerald B. Solomon (R–NY) today released comparative legislative data for the 103rd and 104th Congresses that, in his words, ''demonstrate that the new Republican Congress has been both more open and more deliberative than the Democrat-controlled 103rd Congress.''

Solomon observed, ''While we enacted fewer laws than the previous Congress, most objective observers agree that this has been the most productive Congress in at least a generation. Obviously, the productivity of a Congress cannot and should not be measured by the number of laws enacted but rather by their thrust and direction. The laws we enacted in the 104th Congress have set a dramatic new course for the government. Moreover, the data show that we spent more time considering legislation in the 104th Congress under a more open and deliberative process.''

The data, compiled by the Rules Committee staff, show that the 104th Congress enacted 333 measures into law compared to 465 in the 103rd Congress. However, when nonsubstantive commemoratives enacted in the 103rd Congress (like ''National Clown Week''), which were banned in the 104th Congress, are subtracted from total public laws, the number of substantive enactments is much closer—384 laws in the 103rd Congress compared to 333 in the 104th Congress.

The more open process in the 104th Congress is borne out in the data compiled by the Rules Committee staff. While the House passed 611 bills in the 104th Congress, using 4 hours of session per bill, in the 103rd Congress the House passed 757 bills with 2.5 hours of floor time per bill.

Recorded votes per bill passed were also up in the 104th Congress—with 2.2 votes per bill passed compared to 1.4 votes per bill passed in the 103rd Congress.

A further indication that the House was more deliberative in the 104th Congress is reflected in the percentage of unreported measures passed by the House. While 29% of the measures passed by the House in the 104th Congress had not been reported by a committee, 39% of the measures passed in the 103rd Congress were never reported.

Further enhancing House deliberations was the amendment process provided by special

rules reported from the Rules Committee. Open or modified open rules for amendments in the 104th Congress comprised 57% of total rules compared with 46% open or modified open rules in the 103rd Congress.

According to Solomon, ''The House was able to produce its impressive track record of legislative accomplishments in the historic 104th Congress more because of, rather than in spite of, the substantial streamlining and down-sizing in its structure, resources and operations at the beginning of the new Congress.'' The opening day House reforms in the 104th Congress resulted in the reduction of 3 committees and 32 subcommittees, a reduction of 684 committee staff (−34%), and a reduction in overall appropriations for the House in the two-year cycle of $122.9 million from the 103rd Congress.

Solomon concluded, ''I think we have demonstrated that the Republicans have been able to legislate and govern with common sense while at the same time setting an example for the rest of the government that down-sizing and economizing on operations can enhance rather than hinder the ability to provide more effective and efficient government for the American taxpayer.''

COMPARATIVE LEGISLATIVE DATA FOR THE HOUSE IN THE 103RD AND 104TH CONGRESSES

[Compiled by House Rules Committee Staff]

Item	103rd Congress	104th Congress
Days in Session	265	289
Hours in Session	1,887	2,445
Average Hours Per Day	7.1	8.5
Total Public Measures Reported	544	518
Total Public Measures Passed	757	611
Reported Measures Passed	462	437
Unreported Measures Passed	295	174
Unreported Measures as Percent of Total	39%	29%
Total Public Laws Enacted	465	333
Commemorative Measures Enacted	81	0
Commemoratives as Percent of Total Laws	17%	0%
Substantive Laws (Total Laws Minus Commemoratives)	384	333
Total Roll Call Votes	1,094	1,321
Roll Call Votes Per Measure Passed	1.4	2.2
Congressional Record Pages	22,575	24,495
Record Pages Per Measures Passed	29.8	40.1
Session Hours Per Measure Passed	2.5	4
Open/Modified Open Rules	46 (44%)	86 (57%)
Structured/Modified Closed Rules	49 (47%)	43 (28%)
Closed Rules	9 (9%)	22 (15%)
Committees/Subcommittees	23/118	20/86
Committee Staff	2,001	1,317
Appropriations for House (in millions)	$1,477,945	$1,355,025

Note: The public measures referred to above are public bills and joint resolutions. Four reported public measures were defeated in each Congress; 78 reported public measures remained on the Calendars of the House at the end of the 103rd Congress; 77 at the end of the 104th.

Sources: ''Resume of Congressional Activity,'' Daily Digest, Congressional Record; ''Survey of Activities,'' Committee on Rules; Congressional Research Service reports on ''Committee Numbers, Sizes, Assignments and Staff,'' and ''Legislative Branch Appropriations;'' House Calendars.

ADOPTING HOUSE RULES FOR A NEW CONGRESS: THE TURN OF THE CENTURY TURN FROM OPEN, RULES COMMITTEE PROPOSALS TO CLOSED, MAJORITY CAUCUS RECOMMENDATIONS

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Introduction: George Galloway, in his History of the United States House of Representatives, observes that, ''the customary practice in *post bellum* days, when a new House met was to proceed under general parliamentary law, often for several days, with unlimited debate, until a satisfactory revision of former rules had been effected.'' (p. 48)

Galloway goes on to cite examples of such extended debate on the rules for a new Congress, for instance, that after the revision of the 1880 general rules (which included making the Rules Committee a permanent standing committee of the House): ''Two days were consumed at the beginning of the 48th Congress (1883), 4 days at the 49th (1885), 6 days at the 51st (1889), 9 days at the 52d (1891), and 6 days at the opening of the 53rd Congress (1893).'' (Id.)

And Galloway concludes this discussion as follows: On three of these occasions 2 months or more elapsed before the amended code was finally adopted, in striking contrast to the celerity with which the old rules have been rushed through in recent times. (Id.)

Prior to 1880, rules revisions were reported from the Select Committee on Rules (if one had been appointed for that Congress), and these proposed changes were debated under an open amendment process. Even after the Rules Committee became a standing committee in 1880, this practice apparently continued for well over a decade. However, neither the available histories of the House and the Rules Committee or the precedents pinpoint the exact Congress in which this practice was abandoned in favor of considering House Rules recommended by the majority party caucus under a closed amendment process.

The first hint we get of a change is in A History of the Committee on Rules, a 1983 Rules Committee print, in which it is noted that, ''The rules of the House were not substantially altered between 1895 and 1910, when the rules were amended directly on the House floor to strip Speaker Cannon of his membership, chairmanship and appointment authority of the Rules Committee and the committee was enlarged from 5 to 10 members, elected by the House. (p. 81)

A few pages later, in discussing the Democrats' retaking of the House and pounding the final nail in the coffin of ''Czar Speaker,'' by providing for the election of all committees by the House, the book notes that the rules resolution making that and other changes had been ''agreed upon in the Caucus.'' (p. 99) And the footnote to that observation states the following: It was customary at this time for the majority party's candidate for the chairmanship of the Rules Committee to introduce changes in the House rules, agreed upon by the Caucus. (Id.)

But nowhere in any of the commentary of Galloway or the Rules Committee History covering the years between 1895 and 1911 is the origin of this custom identified. To better pin this down, a search was made of the House Journals between the 53rd Congress (1893–94) and the 60th Congress (1907–08). Below is a running account of the adoption of House Rules at the beginning of each of those Congresses.

The 53rd Congress (1893–95): On August 8, 1893, the House adopted a resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a Committee on Rules and the temporary adoption of House rules from the preceding Congress which were referred to the Rules Committee for recommendations for any further changes in the new Congress. On August 29, 1892, Representative Catchings (D-Miss.), the second ranking majority member on the Rules Committee (Speaker Crisp was the chairman), reported back a resolution making 14 recommended changes the rules of the previous Congress. Catchings offered a motion, by unanimous consent, to proceed to consider the rules resolution by paragraph for amendment, with 5 minutes of debate allowed for and against each amendment. He then moved the previous question on his resolution. Representative Thomas Brackett Reed (R–ME), the ranking Republican on the Rules Committee (and its former chairman and House Speaker from 1889–91), made the point of order that is was not in order to move the previous question on the resolution. The Speaker (Crisp) overruled the point of order saying the previous question was in order. Catchings nevertheless withdrew his order of business resolution and the House proceeded to debate the resolution containing the rules changes recommended by the Rules Committee.

On August 30th, Catchings propounded a unanimous consent request to close debate on the rules resolution at 2 p.m. that day and to then proceed to consider amendments to the resolution by paragraph under the five-minute rule. There was no objection, and the House proceeded to consider amendments on August 31, and September 1, 2, and 6. It is apparent from the Journal's summary of amendments that the entire body of House Rules was open to amendment, and not just the 14 changes recommended by the Rules Committee. On September 6, Rep. Burrows (R–MI), the second-ranking minority member of the 5-member Rules Committee, offered a final substitute to in effect adopt the Rules of the 51st Congress with one change. The substitute was rejected, 65 to 149, and the House subsequently adopted the rules package as amended by voice vote.

The 54th Congress (1895–97): On December 2, 1895, when Republicans had retake control of the House, the House adopted H. Res. 5, adopting the rules of the 51st Congress (the last Republican Congress) as the rules of the 54th Congress, ''until otherwise ordered.'' On January 10, 1896, Rep. Henderson (R–IA), the second-ranking Republican on the Rules Committee, called-up the first of two reports (Nos. 29, 120) reported by the Rules Committee to amend House Rules, Henderson asked unanimous consent that, after consideration of the proposed amendments was completed for amendment, the House then proceeded to consider amendments to the rules, beginning with Rule, I, Numerous amendments were considered on January 10th and 11th. On January 23rd, the House took up the second of the Rules Committee reports (No. 120), considering of three additional amendments. It too was subject to numerous amendments, one of the final of which was an amendment by the minority to substitute the rules of the 53rd Congress (when the Democrats were last in control). It was rejected. Because the various amendments recommended by the Rules Committee was considered and disposed of individually, as with the January 10th report, there was no vote on final adoption.

55th Congress (1897–99): On March 15, 1897, Rep. Henderson (R–IA), the second-ranking Republican on the Rules Committee, called-up a resolution adopting the rules of the 54th Congress as the rules of the 55th Congress ''until further notice.'' The resolution was debated but not opened to amendment. Rep. Henderson moved the previous question, at which point an attempt was made to offer an amendment on grounds that the previous question does not exist when the House is operating under general parliamentary law. The Speaker overruled the point of order saying the previous question does exist under general parliamentary law of the House. The previous question was then adopted, 182–154, and the resolution was subsequently adopted by voice vote. That is no indication of any subsequent Rules Committee action on reporting a further revision in the rules.

56th Congress (1899–1901): On December 4, 1899, Rep. John Dalzell (R–PA), the second-ranking Republican on the Rules Committee (with Speaker Reed's retirement, Rep. Henderson had become the new Speaker and chairman of the Rules Committee), called up a resolution adopting the rules of the 55th Congress as the rules of the 56th Congress. This time the resolution carried no phrases (''until otherwise ordered'' or ''until further notice) holding out the expectation of further recommendations from the Rules Committee. The resolution was debated without amendments being entertained, after which Rep. Dalzell moved the previous question. The previous question was adopted by voice vote, after which the resolution was adopted, 178 to 159.

57th Congress (1901–03): On December 2, 1901, Rep. Dalzell called up H. Res. 2, adopting the rules of the 56th Congress as the

rules of the 57th Congress with four modifications: (1) carrying forward the special orders of 1900 regarding the consideration of pension, claims and private bills: (2) converting a Select Committee on the Census into a standing committee; (3) creating a Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Exhibitions; and (4) continuing a Select Committee on Documents. After debate on the resolution, Rep. Dalzell moved the previous question which was adopted, 180–143. Rep. Richardson (D–TN) then offered a motion to commit the resolution to the Committee on Rules when it was appointed. The motion was rejected, 143 to 186. A demand was then made to divide the question on the resolution and both parts were adopted by voice vote.

58th Congress (1903–05): On November 9, 1903, Rep. Dalzell, still the second ranking Republican on the Rules Committee (Rep. Joe Cannon had been elected Speaker and thus chairman of the Rules Committee) offered H. Res. 1, adopting the rules of the 57th Congress as the rules of the 58th Congress together with two modifications: (1) carrying forward the special orders of 1900 on the consideration of pension, claims and private bills; and (2) converting the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Exhibitions into a standing committee. After debate, the previous question was ordered by voice vote and the resolution was adopted, 193 to 167.

59th Congress (1905–1907): On December 4, 1905, Rep. Dalzell called up H. Res. 8 adopting the rules of the 58th Congress as the rules of the 59th Congress with one modification, carrying forward the special orders of 1900 on the consideration of pension and claims bills. After debate, the previous question was ordered, 228 to 196, and the resolution was subsequently adopted by voice vote.

60th Congress (1907–1909): On December 2, 1907, Rep. Dalzell called up H. Res. 28, adopting the rules of the 59th Congress as the rules of the 60th Congress. After debate, the previous question was ordered, 199 to 164, after which the resolution was adopted, 198 to 160.

61st Congress (1909–1911): Notwithstanding Galloway's claim that no significant rules changes were adopted between 1895 and 1910, the facts indicate otherwise with respect to the opening day of the 61st Congress. The beginning of this Congress marked the opening round in the revolt against Speaker Cannon by Republican insurgents and the minority Democrats. On opening day of the 61st Congress, March 16, 1909, when the usual resolution adopting the rules of the previous Congress as the rules of the new Congress was offered, the Republican insurgents joined with the Democratic minority to defeat the previous question in order to offer their own substitute rules package offered by Minority Leader Champ Clark (D–MO). The Clark substitute would have limited the powers of the Speaker to appoint committees and also would have enlarged the Rules Committee. Clark immediately moved the previous question on his substitute. But Cannon, anticipating this action, had conspired with a junior Democrat, Rep. John Fitzgerald of New York, who protested being gagged and urged defeat of the previous question on the Clark substitute so that he could offer his own amendments to the rules. Fitzgerald prevailed by defeating the previous question, 180 to 203. He then offered his amendments that then provided for a new, unanimous consent calendar, strengthened the Calendar Wednesday rule, and permitted the motion to recommit to be offered by the opponents to a measure (previously the right to recommit was exercised by the bill's manager), and prohibited the Rules Committee from issuing a rule denying this right. The Fitzgerald substitute was adopted when 23 Democrats joined with him and the regular Republicans.

Conclusions: While it appears from the above study that the Rules Committee discontinued its role of reporting revisions in House Rules at the beginning of a Congress after the 54th Congress (1895–97), and the House thereafter began to simply adopt the rules of the new Congress on opening day under the hour-rule, with no amendments allowed, it was not until the 61st Congress that any serious effort was made to defeat the previous to provide for the consideration of substantial changes in the rules resolution offered by the majority. But even then, the effort was a bipartisan one, forged between the minority Democrats and the insurgent Republicans, and it was defeated by a further bipartisan compromise offered by a few minority Democrats and the regular Republicans.

It was not until 1911, when ''King Caucus'' emerged to replace ''Czar Speaker,'' that the Caucus fully assumed the role of reporting significant rules changes on opening day. And the precedent had already been set with the previous question fight of 1909 to use the attempted defeat of that procedural motion to highlight the minority's rules alternative rules package.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is the 11th time I have been sworn in as a Member of Congress. To this day, I still get chills when I approach the Capitol or if I move onto the floor of the House. Every single day we go to work in a Chamber where America pushed the frontier and rebuilt the Nation, they put the GI bill through for college education, a place where we paid to land a man on the Moon. From the podium behind me Franklin Roosevelt spoke of a day which will live in infamy, and from this Chamber democracy has given ordinary men and women more rights and more dignity than this world has ever known.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a special place. All of us are privileged to serve here. But with that privilege comes responsibility, a responsibility to hold this House and this Nation to the highest possible standards. We are not defined simply by the laws we pass, but by the example we set.

If we want an America where laws are respected, where the rights of the minority are protected, and where the voices of all are heard, we have got to have a House that respects the law, that protects the minority and allows those voices to be heard; because, Mr. Speaker, every time we look the other way when somebody breaks the rules, we just do not damage the integrity of this House, we send a message to every child in Michigan, in California, in Georgia, that lying pays, that cheating works, that wrongdoing goes unpunished. Sometimes saying we are sorry just is not enough.

We are here this afternoon to decide the rules of this House, but the rules have no meaning if they are ignored and betrayed. If we want an America that rewards virtue and punishes wrongdoing, we need to have a Congress that rewards virtue and punishes wrongdoing.

I am afraid we have taken a tremendous step backward here today. There is an ethical cloud hanging over this House that will only get darker in the days to come. We could have postponed today's vote for Speaker, but the majority voted against it. Soon this tragedy will move from the Halls of Congress to the court of public opinion. Sometime in the next few weeks, the nonpartisan outside counsel will present the facts to the American people in an open public hearing. Finally the American people will be able to decide for themselves who is right and who is wrong.

This case goes to the heart of our constitutional system. At issue is the ethical character of the man second in line to the Presidency. These are serious charges, and the Ethics Committee must be allowed adequate time to spell out the truth.

In recent days some in the Republican leadership have tried to force a rush to judgment, but today the outside counsel himself requested the committee be given additional time to consider this case. Subsequently we will be offering a motion today that gives the Ethics Committee adequate time to fully resolve this case. I urge my colleagues to support it.

We have heard a lot of talk about freedom and democracy here today, but sadly we moved away from those principles in the last Congress. Instead of open public hearings we saw closed-door meetings. Instead of free speech we saw closed rules that shut down debate. Instead of freedom of expression we saw one case after another when voices were shut down in this House. We even saw the Government shut down twice to force an opinion through.

But this rules package before us today makes the problem worse, not better. We cannot build a foundation of trust by giving House committees slush funds to conduct sham investigations, by rolling back minority rights, or by completely ignoring the other side. But that is what in many respects this rules package does. It is shameful and it is wrong. Let us turn good words into good deeds. Let us work together on something that really matters.

We all know that the current campaign finance system is completely undermining our democracy. We believe it is time to get money out of politics and return power to the people. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote no on the previous question.

If the previous question is defeated, we will offer a Democratic reform package that strikes seven sections in the proposed Republican House rules package. It requires that sufficient time be provided for the Ethics Committee to complete its investigation of the Speaker's pending ethics violation and it requires the House to consider substantive campaign finance legislation within the next 100 days.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the text of the amendment.

The motion to commit referred to is as follows:

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. _____ moves to commit the resolution H. Res. ___ to a select committee comprised of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report back the same to the House forthwith with only the following amendments:

In section 25, after ''standing Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the One Hundred and Fourth Congress'' insert the following ''and related matters brought forth by the Investigative Subcommittee''.

In the last sentence of section 25, strike '', or at the expiration of January 21, 1997, whichever is earlier''.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote no on the previous question. Then I urge my colleagues to support the request of the outside counsel and support the motion to make sure the Ethics Committee is not railroaded, is not pressured, and has the time to spell out the truth.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CARDIN, the distinguished ranking member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Michigan, for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise as the ranking member of the executive subcommittee that is charged with the investigation of the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH]. Our subcommittee has worked in a professional, bipartisan manner. We are proud of the product that we have brought forward to the full Ethics Committee and to this House. We want to make sure that the process continues in a professional, bipartisan manner.

On behalf of all four members of the committee, two Democrats and two Republicans, we are disappointed by one provision in the rules package that puts a limit on the remaining time in which we can work, which is unrealistic. The special counsel has told us that that limit could very much impact the manner in which we carry out our work and prevent us from continuing in a professional, bipartisan manner.

I want to stress the point: We come as two Democrats and two Republicans, in a bipartisan manner, and ask the Members to change one provision in the rules package.

I am very disappointed. A month ago the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS], and myself met with the gentleman from Texas, [Mr. ARMEY] and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT,] in an effort to avoid this day, when we are on the floor without a rule on which we are in agreement in carrying out the work of our committee. We recognized at that time that there may be a need for us to continue our work into the new Congress. We were assured that we would have bipartisan cooperation. Unfortunately, that broke down today. I regret that.

We understand that putting January 21 as the deadline for our subcommittee jeopardizes our work. Let me quote, if I might, from Mr. Cole, our special counsel, a person who is far more objective than, I would say, anyone else in this Chamber:

> In analyzing the time necessary for a sanction hearing and a vote on the House floor, I have recommended a schedule that will allow this to be accomplished in a fair and orderly fashion. In doing that, however, it will be necessary for the vote on the House floor to occur after January 21, 1997. Each member of the subcommittee has carefully considered the recommended schedule and agrees it is the best course in which to proceed. This schedule has been communicated to leaderships of both parties and unanimously recommended by the subcommittee and the special counsel that it be adopted.

If we keep this time limit in, let me just explain some of the problems we are going to run into. We do not have adequate time to prepare for the public sanction hearing. In the last several days and weeks we have been totally consumed, because of what has happened out there, with partisan attacks by both Democrats and Republicans. We have tried to keep this on a bipartisan basis. Give us the time to complete it in a bipartisan fashion.

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It forecloses certain options that the full committee may need to do. Now, let me tell you, we know more, the four of us, than any of the other Members of the House as to what is involved in this investigation. It may be necessary for us to call additional witnesses. The schedule makes it impossible for us even to consider that. It is wrong for the full House to deny the ethics committee those options. It is wrong for the full House to say that we cannot have adequate time to prepare our report so you know what you are doing when we vote.

I want to thank the Democratic leadership because they are going to give us a motion to commit that will give us a chance to return to a bipartisan understanding on bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. I will urge my colleagues to vote ''yes'' on that motion to commit. The only change, the only change is to remove that January 21 deadline so that we have adequate time in order to do our work in a bipartisan basis.

Let me just tell my colleagues one other thing: Some people say, why could we not get it done earlier, why have we not done things quicker. Special counsel has also referred to that in his report where he is very clear about the work of the four members of our subcommittee. We have worked every day on this issue. We have met with Members. We have talked among ourselves. And we have worked in what we think is the best interests of this House.

We think that we deserve the respect of this House to give us the time that we say that we need. This is not coming from the two Democrats, this is coming from the two Democrats and the two Republicans. For the life of me, I do not understand how this House can deny the ethics committee the time that it needs in order to complete this work. I urge my colleagues to support the motion to commit.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes and 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON], distinguished chair of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, someone who has done yeoman work that we are all so proud of in this body.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the rules package, and I regret that we must discuss this on the floor of the House. But it is because the Ethics Committee has two responsibilities. One is to the completion of the work before it, and the other is to the Members of the House.

I would just like to comment on this issue of timetable. Between Christmas and New Year's the subcommittee members and the counsel and the full committee members spent many, many hours discussing this issue on the phone. We spent 3 days specifically negotiating a time schedule that then was issued under my name, the name of my ranking member and of our counsel. It was bipartisan, supported by Democrats and Republicans and the special counsel alike, and it was a good-faith effort.

At the time we were negotiating it, I wanted desperately to have the hearings before today's opening, and I felt it was possible. I also have great respect for the other members of the committee and particularly for the members of the subcommittee and yielded to their desire not to try to do it before the 9th. Our early discussions, since they involved also extending the membership on this committee of a number of Members who had announced they were not going to serve, focused on the date of January 14. We knew that was tight, but that was our focus as a result of my interest.

When I learned that the leadership was comfortable with the 21st, we all agreed on the 21st. I reluctantly, and some others reluctantly, but at that time we all said, this gives us ample time; and so we gave the House notice. Members made their plans, and we issued the schedule.

Now, there is concern at this time about two things, one is the ability and the right of the subcommittee to prepare itself for the hearings. I have talked at length with the special counsel, and that problem can be dealt with. We are going to be able to give the subcommittee and the special counsel time, the time they request before the hearings. It does leave us a little pressed in terms of writing the report.

During our discussions, it was never brought up that we might need 6 days to write the report. I regret that. I do understand that. This is not a matter of malice. This is a matter, this is the kind of thing that sometimes happens.

But it does give us some significant time to write that report, and in fact much of that report is already written.

I understand it has to be brought together, different umbrella language, and so on and so forth, but I believe the report can be issued. I commit to the Members that as soon as the hearings are complete, which I think will be at least a week before the vote, once those hearings are complete, I will commit to every Member of this body that they can call the ethics committee and we will provide the transcripts of the two counsels' full statement. They will have plenty of time to read and understand the basis on which the allegations were brought forward. That will mean that they will only need to read and understand the package of sanctions offered by the committee and that is a much smaller body of reading.

I believe because we will honor the 3-day layover that they will have the time they need and we will have the opportunity to vote knowingly after an orderly process by sticking to the additional timetable. I do appreciate the pressure this puts on the counsel and his staff in terms of writing the report. We discussed that even 2 days after Christmas. A lot of writing has been in progress, a lot of writing has been done. We will work together as we always have and, if we feel we face, at the end, an insurmountable barrier, we will try to deal with that, too. But in fairness to the Members of the House and the schedules they have laid and to our responsibility to conclude this matter, I urge support of the rules package today.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes and 30 seconds to the gentleman from Washington, [Mr. MCDERMOTT], distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer an amendment, a motion to commit because I believe the committee must have an orderly process, one that is fair and allows sufficient time for both the Members and the American people to understand the importance of these proceedings. Special counsel, as you heard from my colleague from Maryland, has proposed to the subcommittee, which by unanimous vote has accepted and supported the counsel's recommendation, for a process that will allow the House and this process to go in an orderly and fair way.

I am sure that, if the chair of the committee were to bring this motion to the committee, there would be a majority of the committee that would support this proposed schedule because the counsel has been fair, evenhanded, and has done a very professional job and we respect his work.

Yet for some reason the Republican leadership seems bent on forcing this process to be concluded by inauguration day. What is proposed is that this will, this process will begin on the 13th, with hearings in the House in open session for the American public; how many days that takes, no one knows. And then there will be a couple of days or a day or however long to discuss what the sanctions should be. Then a report must be written, and it must lay on the desk for 3 days before we vote on the 20th.

That means from the 13th to the 20th, you have 8 days. If you are going to have hearings and people able to think, you are not going to have 3 days for it to lay on the desk so that the Members of this House can read and know what they are voting on.

I suspect there will be an effort to waiver that rule when we come back here or some way to get around it so that people do not have the time to actually look at it.

Now, it is in my view very sad, it has been said, that what has been a very professional job is now being forced into a schedule which is designed for political damage control. Demanding that that vote occur on inauguration day, we are going to come in here at 9:00 in the morning, called to order. This issue will be laid before the House. We will have an hour's discussion or whatever. We will vote on it and go around the building and inaugurate the President. That is not an orderly, thoughtful process. People will arrive here on Monday and with no reading of this, it will have been 3 days, Saturday, Sunday, Monday; and they will be expected to vote on it out here in a sensible way. That is not orderly. It is not a good process.

Now, you can only guess why they wanted that. The House deserves better than this. After 2 years of an incredibly slow process, the House can take a few extra days to do the job right. I urge the Members to support this motion to commit this back and have an orderly process date set in it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address this issue not as a member of the committee, the ethics committee, not even as a Member who deigns to presume that he knows what is going on in the ethics committee with respect to this case, in fact, as a Member who has purposely kept himself as uninformed as is possible out of respect for the committee, its jurisdictional rights and its obligations for confidence, but as a Member that has said on this floor on several occasions and in public on several occasions, the committee must be respected for its professionalism, for its ability, and for its objectivity. We are lost if we cannot find a way to do that with the committee. We have no place to put our confidence in the search for justice and fair evaluation.

Indeed, the special counsel is a person whom I have acknowledged must be a person of ability, competence, and objectivity.

Now, then, when I learned on December 21 that the committee, the subcommittee, with the advice and the assistance of the special counsel, had come to a conclusion of the case and was willing to put a result before the Speaker, I concluded in my mind, they must have concluded their work. They must have heard all they needed to hear, had all the witnesses they needed to hear from, considered all the documents and the reports. Why would I conclude that they would have done anything less than the full and complete evaluation of the material needed to have come to a conclusion and put a bill of alleged violations before the Speaker?

I then later subsequently understood that the Speaker had accepted the conclusions. There must be technical language. I am sorry I cannot say what that is. But in any event, that there was some chance that the full committee might be able to operate and conclude their work even before this day. And then I was informed, and this is an important point, that one of the reasons it was impossible for the full committee to do that was that the ranking member, the gentleman from Washington [Mr. MCDermott], was in Europe on vacation with his family and that he felt, and justly so, that those plans that he and his family made ought to be respected in the scheduling of time.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I just wanted to correct the record on that because the subcommittee was in constant contact with the ranking member and chairman since December 21 to deal with the schedule, and at no time was there any delay caused because of someone being out of town. Mr. Cole, in his public statement today, has reaffirmed the position that there has been absolutely no delay in this case and in fact every day our committee met on conference calls.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, forgive me, I did not mean for the gentleman to think that I am being accusatory. I am only going by what I read in the papers. Of course, we all realize that the newspapers are not always reliable. But I believe I read that the gentleman from Washington [Mr. MCDermott] had been reported in the papers as saying, I do not want to interrupt my vacation.

I do not want to quarrel with the gentleman about that. I just want to say that, as I had that understanding, perhaps imperfectly so, I felt, yes, the Member who works and toils long and hard and finally has an opportunity to fulfill the obligation and the commitment and the opportunity they had to vacation with their family should have respect in the process. I will return to that point later.

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Now, again, if the gentleman will let me complete my statement, I do not wish to quarrel about this. I wish to clarify a few points.

Then I understood that the committee, even long-distance phone calls and conference calls and so forth, came to some negotiations regarding a timetable that would require this part of the rules package that is before us today, the existence of a select committee that reinstates the life of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct as we have known it, with jurisdiction over this case as its continues into this Congress. This is what we have done.

I was sitting at home with my wife looking at different colors of green and finally trying to come to the conclusion of which drapes I would in fact perhaps get hung when my fax announced a message. The message I received over my fax as I too struggled to have some time, in conformity with the announced schedule of the House, to tend to my life, says the chairwoman and the ranking member of the committee, along with Special Counsel Cole, announced the following schedule.

They had come to a conclusion. These people that I believed to be able, competent, professional, objective, fair people, thorough in their proceedings, who had sat down and talked among themselves in what I assumed would be in full cognizance of what was required in time and effort to complete their work, announced a schedule. Came over my fax.

And then as I responded to that schedule and examined what would need be done now by the body as a whole and all the Members scattered all over the country dealing with their commitments, I said I must see about scheduling floor action, completing the work and scheduling floor action.

I had at least one phone call from a member of the committee in which it was suggested to me that perhaps we could do this by the 14th of January. The committee suggestion to me was perhaps by the 14th of January.

I was the one who had said the 14th of January would be disruptive to preexisting, already undertaken travel plans of a large number of Members about which I knew, and would be inconvenient to them. Could the committee please go with the 21st instead of the 14th? When the committee said that we could do that, I assumed that a committee of professional people, with a special counsel capable and able of understanding what needs be done to complete their work, who was given—if the gentleman will let me complete my statement, I will complete. A person under those circumstances would say if these groups of professional people have said, yes, we agree to accept a week later than that which we proposed, what reason would I not have to conclude that they could do so?

Now, just last night, just last night, as we were preparing these rules, I was asked to consider a different date, after I had done what? I had announced the schedule to the Members of this Congress, Republican and Democrat alike, to all the staff of this Congress. And I had made specific commitments on my own word to two people in particular, in order to obtain their service on the committee through the agreed-upon times suggested to me by the committee itself, that they would not have to do this service beyond the 21st.

I have not set dates arbitrarily. I have no agenda here except an orderly, respectful addressing of the needs of all the Members of the House, within the context of what I believe to be the conclusion that any reasonable person would have made about the competent ability of professionals thus respected to have suggested properly and with some degree of full necessity and accuracy what they thought were their time needs.

So if the time that my colleagues requested and announced in their announcement is now not acceptable to them, I find a very difficult problem understanding then why I should then therefore continue to hold to my clinging belief that they are professional, competent, able people that can assess what their needs are and make a request of them.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Washington, [Mr. MCDERMOTT] the distinguished ranking member of the committee.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the majority leader, sometimes things change. We made that decision on the best information available to us. None of us, not a single person said they would not come back if it made sense, but the bipartisan subcommittee said it could not be done. So that is why we set the timetable we did.

Within the last 3 days, I received, in December, a letter from the Speaker's attorney saying, ''We want an expedited hearing. We are ready to go. We want this thing to go just right now.'' And suddenly yesterday they call us and say they want us to delay this to begin on the 13th.

Now, what happened between December when they said they were ready to go and then suddenly they say, yesterday they call Mr. Cole and say, ''We are not ready to go. Do not have any hearings until the 13th. We need time to prepare.''

Now if the gentleman cannot respond to things changing, it seems to me he is terribly rigid in setting a date. In this place we find over and over again, we set a date, it may not work just the way we thought. I think that when we have the subcommittee come together, with the special counsel—if it was just Democrats begging for this, that would be one thing, but we are talking about two Republicans and two Democrats and the special counsel saying this is a reasonable schedule.

Now, for the gentleman not to respond to that in a positive way seems to me to suggest he has some other agenda. I do not know what it is, but, clearly, it is not in preserving the orderly process of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BONIOR. I would ask the Speaker to let us know how much time is available to each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] has 14 minutes remaining, the gentleman from New York Mr. [SOLOMON] has 5 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] is recognized.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. SAWYER].

(Mr. SAWYER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I know that the goal that all of us share is to do justice, and over the last 8 months an extraordinary thing has happened. A bipartisan subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has come together and acted in a careful, deliberate and responsible way to come forward with a finding that produced two miracles: It was both unanimous and it operated within the confidentiality that meets the highest standards that this House could expect.

It took 8 months to do that; 8 months of careful work. Does the full committee and, if needed, the full House, require 8 months to do that? I do not believe so. Does it require 8 weeks to do that? I do not think so. But can that same measure, that same quality of work be done in 8 days, from the 13th to the 21st? I do not think so, and we should not plan on it.

I have seen the room that is the repository of the work of this subcommittee. It is filled with shelf after shelf of indexed, loose-leaf notebooks that represent the work, the documents and the testimony that they have poured over over those 8 months, and the packing crates, the dozens and dozens of packing crates, that represent even further work.

I have read the 22 pages of the statement of alleged violations. I have read through several hundred pages of draft discussion documents that represent the work that the committee reported on, and I have looked through the hundreds of pages of selected primary documents that serve as the underpinnings of those documents.

I have read not only the selected examples of violations and sanctions that the Ethics staff has prepared, but I have read the full CRS analysis of the summaries of violations deep into the last century and the way this Congress has handled them. Others not on the subcommittee but on the full committee may have done as much, but I can suggest to my colleagues that no one has done more, and I am not done.

But I have reached one clear conclusion in this matter, and that is that to do justice to the work of the subcommittee, we cannot be rushed. To do justice, even more importantly, to the

respondent in this case, the man we just elected Speaker, we cannot be rushed. And most importantly of all, to do justice to this House demands not only a higher standard of ethical behavior but a higher standard of work in rendering that justice. It cannot be done in 8 days. It may not take 8 months, or it may not take 8 weeks, but it cannot be done in 8 days.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas, Mr. RON PAUL, my former classmate from 1978.

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my concern about some of the rule changes.

DRUG TESTING

We are now being asked to support rule changes that will require random drug testing of all members and staff. Drug usage in this country, both legal and illegal, is a major problem and deserves serious attention. However, the proposal to test randomly individuals as a method to cut down on drug usage is ill-advised and should not be done without serious thought.

The real issue here is not drugs, but rather the issues of privacy, due process, probable cause, and the fourth amendment. We are dealing with a constitutional issue of the utmost importance. It raises the question of whether or not we understand the overriding principle of the 4th amendment.

A broader, but related question is whether or not it's the Government's role to mold behavior any more than it's the Government's role to mold, regulate, tax, impede the voluntarism of economic contractoral arrangements. No one advocates prior restraint to regulate journalistic expression even though great harm has come over the centuries from the promotion of authoritian ideas. Likewise, we do not advocate the regulation of political expression and religious beliefs however bizarre and potentially harmful they may seem. And yet we casually assume that it's the role of government to regulate personal behavior to make one act more responsibly.

A large number of us do not call for the regulation or banning of guns because someone might use a gun in an illegal fashion. We argue that it's the criminal that needs regulated and refuse to call for diminishing the freedom of law-abiding citizens because some individual might commit a crime with a gun. Random drug testing is based on the same assumption made by anti-gun proponents. Unreasonable effort at identifying the occasional and improbable drug user should not replace respect to our privacy. Its not worth it.

While some are more interested in regulating economic transactions in order to make a ''fairer'' society, others are more anxious to regulate personal behavior to make a ''good'' society. But both cling to the failed notion that governments, politicians, and bureaucrats know that is best for everyone. If we casually allow our persons to be searched, why is it less important that our conversations, our papers and our telephones not be monitored as well. Vital information regarding drugs might be obtained in this manner. We who champion the cause of limited government ought not be promoters of the revolving eye of big brother.

If we embark on this course to check randomly all Congressional personnel for possible drug usage, it must be noted that the two most dangerous and destructive drugs in this country are alcohol and nicotine. To not include these in the efforts to do good, is inconsistent—to say the least.

I have one question. If we have so little respect for our own privacy, our own liberty, and our own innocence, how can we be expected to protect the liberties, the privacy and the innocence of our constituents for which we have just sworn an oath to do?

This legislation is well motivated, as is all economic welfare legislation. The good intentions in solving social problems—when violence is absent—perversely uses government power, which inevitably hurts innocent people while rarely doing anything to prevent the anticipated destructive behavior of a few.

The only answer to solving problems like this is to encourage purely voluntary testing programs whereby each individual and member makes the information available to those who are worried about issues like this.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GEKAS].

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I ask that the RECORD reflect my support of the rules and particularly in its maintaining its prohibition of proxy voting.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3½ minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI].

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I rise as a member of the special investigative committee of the Ethics Subcommittee on this unfortunate case that we are looking into, and I rise in support of the motion to recommit.

There are many areas where I might have some disagreement with the rules package, but I am very pleased that the Democratic leadership has given us an opportunity to present the motion to recommit around the timetable.

With all respect in the world for our colleagues, and that means every single colleague in this House of Representatives, I believe that we need to heed the request of the special counsel for an additional amount of time for a few reasons.

First of all, and I say this without questioning the motivation of anyone on either side of the aisle about why the rules are in the package the way they are, the simple fact is that the special counsel, and by unanimous vote of the subcommittee, two Democrats and two Republicans, supporting the timetable that the special counsel has put forth, are making this request. And I believe that the burden is on those who would deny the special counsel that extended time.

Why do we need more time? Several things have happened that have not been addressed here yet, or forgive me if I have not heard them. I would like to associate myself with those remarks.

First of all, one of the members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has decided to leave the committee, so it required the appointment of a new committee member who has to become familiarized with the facts in the case, because this is a facts-driven, facts-based case.

And without going into any of the material aspects of it or any of the substance of this case, but only to process and only to time, I thought I would never see the day when the chair of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct would come to the floor and say that she would turn down the request of the special counsel to the committee for a couple more weeks to complete the work of the committee. I say that very regrettably.

On our subcommittee, chaired by the gentleman from Florida, Mr. PORTER GOSS, and with two Democrats and two Republicans, we have worked in a very bipartisan fashion all along and continue to in supporting the request of the special counsel.

I do not and never did think it was appropriate to have a vote on this important matter on Inauguration Day. Do my colleagues think that vote is going to take place without any debate? That would not be right.

So I say to my colleagues in the House of Representatives, and I say this with the highest regard for the distinguished majority leader, not impugning any of his motives in this or anyone else on either side of the aisle, whatever we think about the resolution of the case, I think we must agree that if the special counsel says he needs a couple more weeks, we must give him those weeks unless we can prove why that should not happen. The burden of proof is with those who would vote against the special counsel.

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Mr. Speaker, I also want to make another point as to why more time is necessary. Because of a flurry of accusations and representations about the confidential work of the subcommittee that came out, it required us to go down another tangent to deal with that, and it necessitated a statement by the special counsel that the reports that were floating out there were inaccurate.

So in 1 week the special counsel has had to deem those rumors inaccurate and come out with his own statement asking for more time, in which he says each member of the subcommittee has carefully considered this recommended schedule and agrees it is the best course on which to proceed.

I urge my colleagues to vote for the motion to commit.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], the distinguished ranking member of the Rules Committee.

(Mr. MOAKLEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished leader for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I had hoped to speak today about the Republican rules package as it pertains to the rules of the House. But unfortunately the rules package has been changed very dramatically and now addresses the issue of the ethics investigation of the Speaker.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that it helps no one, neither Democrats nor Republicans, for unresolved investigations to drag on and on. But I also believe that we do have a responsibility to all the people who sent us here to make sure that absolutely every Member of Congress, no matter how powerful, abides by the rules of this House and that the House rules are applied fairly and consistently to every one of us.

Mr. Speaker, I have here a letter from the nonpartisan independent counsel for the Ethics Committee in which he and the entire subcommittee ask for more time, ask for more time, to complete their investigation. But the rules package prevents them from having that time and in doing so, Mr. Speaker, further compromises the honor of this institution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this rules package and to support the motion to commit. We must give the ethics members and the independent counsel enough time to finish the job that they started.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. LAHOOD]. The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] has 6½ minutes remaining, and the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1¾ minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT].

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today our Republican colleagues have told us and told America that NEWT GINGRICH represents the most ethical person that they could find to lead this House of Representatives, and now by this rules resolution they also tell America how little confidence they have in their judgment.

Once again the Republican leadership, through this rules package, is trying to pervert the ethics process, to afford special treatment to Speaker GINGRICH that he does not deserve. He once said on the floor of this House that the Speaker should be held to a higher standard of ethical conduct. Today we move in the opposite direction with this rules package, because he is going to be assured a lesser standard of conduct that would not be available to any ordinary American citizen anywhere in this country.

What is happening? The investigative subcommittee, Republicans and Democrats alike, and the special counsel, who was finally appointed after month upon month of delay, come forward and say, ''We can't do our job fairly and thoroughly if we are rushed into doing all this before January 21. Please give us the time to do our job fairly.''

And the Republican leadership, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] standing right here, says no, we are not going to give you the time to do your job the way the American people would want that job done and the way any American prosecutor would want to have the opportunity to do that job.

I would say this rules package, just like the misconduct of Speaker GINGRICH itself, is a discredit, a dishonor, and a disgrace to this House and it should be rejected.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS].

(Mr. EHLERS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. I thank the chairman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to state that my comments are in connection with section 9 of the resolution dealing with the proposal that each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in an electronic form. I strongly support this.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to indicate my strong support for section 9 of the resolution, which adds the following sub-paragraph at the end of clause 2(e) of rule XI, as follows:

(4) Each Committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in electronic form.

I strongly support this addition to the rules, but also want to clarify how I interpret this.

I am committed to making all House documents available over the Internet as rapidly as possible. There are still many technical problems involved, as well as political issues to be dealt with. However, I believe that this statement is an excellent guiding principle, and I believe this proposed rule change should be interpreted as a means of achieving that objective.

In particular, I believe it absolutely essential that every document available in hard copy also be made available on the Internet at the same time or earlier than the hard copy is available. The Congress owes the public at least that much and preferably more.

I furthermore hope that, through the years, all House committees will develop the standard practice of making many documents available on the Internet which are currently not available, and that committees will continue to make progress in that direction.

From my activities in the computerization of the House, and in my service as a member of the Committee on House Oversight, I will seek to achieve these objectives, while recognizing the authority and responsibilities that each committee chairman has in dealing with business before his or her committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments. Once again, I wish to indicate my strong support for this proposed rule change. I only wish it went further.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER], the ranking minority member of the Resources Committee.

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I would just encourage my colleagues to vote against the previous question so that we would have an opportunity in the rules of this House to have a deadline set on the consideration of campaign finance reform by the House of Representatives.

Those who are new to the House of Representatives will soon see that usually the party in power deals with campaign finance reform through delay and dilatory tactics until we can get it at such a time that we pass it to the Senate in the last moments of the first session, and then it falls prey to a filibuster in the Senate, and then at some point the leader in the Senate will announce that the Senate must get on with the important business of the Nation, and campaign finance reform will have to be withdrawn from the calendar. That is why we do not get campaign finance reform.

Unfortunately, in this session of the Congress, the 100th legislative day falls sometime late in September. If we deal with campaign finance reform late in September, there will be no finance reform and the argument will be made that it certainly cannot take effect in the next campaign, it will have to be 2 years later. So we are talking about 4 years from now to have campaign finance reform.

It is too important to the people of this country. The system we have now is a cesspool. It has got to be corrected. It permeates every decision made in this body, it permeates every decision made in the executive branch, and it permeates every decision made in the Senate, and that has got to stop. It dictates what we bring up, what we do not bring up, amendments that are offered and amendments that are not offered. That has got to stop, and we have got to return the business of this country back to the people of this country.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS], a member of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. SKAGGS. I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, we should be concerned here today, as well, with the first amendment's guarantee of the rights of all Americans to petition their government. We ought to welcome their participation in our own committee work.

But what are we doing in these rules? We are creating a new and absurd barrier to public participation in House hearings by saying that any nongovernmental witness testifying in committee will have to file, as a precondition, a full report of all contracts, subcontracts, grants, subgrants received by that individual, his organization, or anyone he is representing.

What in the world are we trying to do here? I think erect a barrier a la the

old Istook amendment to discourage and intimidate citizens from around the country in coming to talk to us about the public's business.

What will this mean? What unworkable prospect can we look forward to under this crazy proposal? Well, the head of the Farm Bureau, wanting to testify about agricultural policy, will have to disclose every Federal agricultural aid, grant, or contract received by every member of the Farm Bureau. That is nuts.

The chairman of the board of regents of the University of New York, if he wishes to testify before a committee of this House, will have to file as a precondition of that testimony a full report of every contract, subcontract, grant, and subgrant received by any member of the faculty at any campus at any institution run by the regents of the State of New York.

Either this provision will be observed largely in the breach, or only selectively (preferentially?) applied in which case we should reject it. Or, it will actually be uniformly enforced to create a mountain of paper and a real impediment to public participation, in which case we should reject it even more emphatically.

What are we inflicting on ourselves in this provision of this rules package? It is yet another reason, along with the many others that have been suggested, why it should be rejected.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 20 seconds just to respond.

The gentleman is absolutely wrong. Farmers would not have to report any of their subsidies.

Let me tell you who is interested in this: the Heritage Foundation, the National Taxpayers Union, the Wall Street Journal; and, more than that, the taxpayers of my district want to know who is coming here testifying for more handouts, and they want to know where that money is coming from. They want them to be accountable.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. JOHNSON], the distinguished chairwoman of the Ethics Committee.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I thank the chairman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I have enormous respect for the members of the Ethics Committee who served on the subcommittee. I have great respect for the other members of the Ethics Committee that have worked hard together over 2 years, and I regret as deeply as you do that we are discussing this matter on the floor of the House. It is unfortunate that it came to us 10 minutes before the Republicans were convening a very important conference that went on very late. By the time I finished discussing the matter with my leadership, working on compliance, frankly, everyone was gone.

I have studied carefully your proposal. I talked with Mr. Cole about it extensively this morning. Your proposal is no different than the old timetable in terms of the amount of time for public hearing and the amount of time for committee deliberation. It is distinctly different in the amount of time for preparation, and I felt that was a very important point, that the subcommittee has some request for participating in presentation.

We can give you 4½ of the 5 days you are requesting for preparation if we meet this evening instead of tomorrow morning, so tomorrow morning will be a better work space, either for Mr. Cole, who needs a day to work by himself, or for everyone. We can accommodate 4½ of the 5 days.

What we cannot accommodate is the report writing time. He had asked 2 days to complete the report. We can accommodate that. We cannot accommodate the 4 additional days that he had asked for members to review. Now, that means we have to work with him and be part of that review. We know what a lot of the material is about.

As to the concern of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI] about voting on Inauguration Day, this was slipped to the next day. That was originally the plan, but it has been moved, and members will stay over.

But we simply, when I look at what we can accommodate, we can truly accommodate everything important because remember, your proposal only asked till the 25th, not the 21st, so we only had a 4-day problem. We can slip 1 day. That brings it down to 3 days and so on and so forth. This is a manageable problem.

The time for hearings and committee deliberations will be identical. Even though I am going to oppose your motion to commit, I am absolutely ready to honor the concerns that lay behind your proposal, and I regret that we were unable to work it out beforehand.

But my leadership felt, with, I think, some good reason, that they had made a commitment to the members that they trusted our timetable, which was also supported by all the members and Mr. Cole, and it is just unfortunate but not irreconcilable, not irreparable and does not need to interfere with the quality either of our deliberations or our work.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Let me just point out one thing. Although we requested about 30 days ago what the transition rule would look like, we got our first draft of it yesterday morning. So we just got the transition rule yesterday morning.

The second point I would point out is that Mr. Cole and the subcommittee, they are very familiar with the voluminous documents. We do not have enough time to get a quality report to the House under this time schedule.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. The transition rule could not be worked out until we were done, and so we are here. I hope we will work well together to complete the work on this important case.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR].

(Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, in the very brief time I have, I regret that this package of rule changes has come down to debate on just one of those changes. Overall it is a pretty good rules change, but there is one that is grossly inadequate.

As we meet right now on the floor of the House of Representatives, the Transportation Committee, of which I am a member, is meeting in the Rayburn Building. I cannot be in two places at once. We should have a House rule that prohibits the committees meeting while the House is in session. Instead, you are offering a rules change that would remove the last prohibition against the committees meeting while the House is in session. That is a gross mistake. And because we have a mistake, I will vote against your package.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] would be good enough to allow the Members to vote on some of these changes individually, because overall it is a good package and I would like to help pass your package. But I cannot let the terrible wrong of one change make up for some of the good of the others.

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Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MEEHAN].

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the minority rules package, specifically the rule requiring prompt House action on campaign finance reform. As my colleagues know, we have heard a lot around here about the 1996 campaign and how it proves once and for all that our electoral system is out of control. But it is only the minority package, the Democratic rules package, that requires the House to deal with campaign finance reform.

Today make no mistake about it. The minority plan being offered by the Democrats would require this House to act on campaign finance reform because as we get down the road here there are going to be efforts to get around this one way or the other like that we had in the last session.

We have a chance right now to set the record straight and debate campaign finance reform and require it. However, the majority has offered a rules package that does not make that requirement.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY] is recognized for 15 seconds.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ''no'' vote on the previous question, and I include for the RECORD the amendment I would offer if the previous question is defeated, as follows:

DEMOCRATIC REFORM PACKAGE TO BE OFFERED IF THE PREVIOUS QUESTION IS DEFEATED

AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED TO H. RES. ——

(1) In section 8(a)(2), strike the proposed new subparagraph (2) [providing that investigative and oversight reports will be considered as read under certain circumstances] and redesignate accordingly,

(2) Strike section 10 [placing information burdens on certain public witnesses],

(3) Strike section 12 [making exceptions to the five-minute rule in hearings],

(4) Strike section 14 [reducing the time for Members to file supplemental, minority, or additional views]

(5) Strike section 15 [creating a slush fund for committees]

(6) Strike section 17 [permitting dynamic estimates in certain instances]

(7) Strike section 18 [making changes in the appropriations process]

(8) in the last sentence of section 25, strike '', or at the expiration of January 21, 1997, whichever is earlier''.

(9) At the end of the resolution, add the following new section:

''SECTION _____. SUBSTANTIVE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

(a) The Committee on House Oversight is directed to report to the House not later than April 7, 1997, a bill to provide for substantive campaign finance reform.

(b) Not later than ten calendar days after the Committee on House Oversight has reported a bill pursuant to subparagraph (a), the Committee on Rules shall report a resolution providing for the consideration of such bill in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union under an open amendment process. If the Committee on House Oversight has not reported a bill as required by the date specified in subparagraph (a), the Committee on Rules shall report not later than ten calendar days after such date a resolution providing for consideration in the Committee of the Whole of the first bill introduced in the 105th Congress providing for substantive campaign finance reform under an open amendment process.

(c) if the Committee on Rules has not reported a resolution pursuant to subparagraph (b) by the date specified, it shall be in order for any Member, as a matter of highest privilege, on any day thereafter, to move that the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the first bill introduced in the 105th Congress providing for substantive campaign finance reform, the bill shall be subject to two hours of general debate to be equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the bill, and shall then be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.''.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield the remainder of the time, 1 minute and 45 seconds, to the gentleman from Claremont, CA [Mr. DREIER], the vice chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Glens Falls, and with that I yield briefly to my friend, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOBSON].

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I had planned to speak longer, but I do not have time. But the only thing I would like to point out is I oppose this because there is not a date certain for ending this committee. We had an agreement that it would be in writing on the 21st. This merely just takes out the 21st date and leaves an open end so this committee can go on forever and ever, and therefore I oppose this motion.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his contribution and, Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this rules package and strong support in passage of the previous question.

This is a very thoughtful package that builds on what we did in the beginning of the 104th Congress. My colleague from Pennsylvania, Mr. GEKAS, stood up and praised the fact that we did away with proxy voting. He appreciated the fact that we reaffirmed our commitment, the elimination of proxy voting, so Members would show up for work. We also have had Congress comply with laws imposed on every other American. These are the kinds of commonsense reforms that the American people want us to have.

Now my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are trying with what they would offer if they were to defeat the previous question, they want to eliminate disclosure. They do not want witnesses to provide information to committees when they come forward to testify. If we defeat the previous question, they would be able to make that in order and it would be wrong if they were to proceed with that.

With that I would say also that I am very pleased with another item in this package, Mr. Speaker, and that is the provision which calls for dynamic scoring. Today I introduced H.R. 14 with my colleagues the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN], the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. ENGLISH], and the gentleman from Texas [Mr. HALL], a bipartisan package to take the top rate on capital gains from 28 percent down to 14 percent to encourage economic growth. This is a very important package which will allow us to move ahead with that, and with that I urge a ''yes'' vote on the previous question.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, tucked away in the package of rules changes being proposed by the Republican majority is a reduction in the time permitted for the minority to file its views on legislation reported by a committee. The change would reduce the number of days for filing these views from 3 days to 2 days.

I find it ironic indeed that during the 40 years of control by the Democratic Party, we never considered limiting this fundamental right of the minority to file views on legislation. Yet after just 2 years in control of the House, the Republicans now have found the granting of 3 whole days to the minority to file its views as somehow being too onerous.

What is the motivation of this change? Was there some important business we failed to complete in the 104th Congress because of the 3 day filing period? Of course not. Certainly there appears to be no rush to pass legislation in this Congress. If that were the case we would be in session for more than the proposed 10 days over the next 2 months.

The reason seems pretty obvious. The majority wants to make it harder for Members to hear the arguments being made by the minority. They know that the logistics of drafting dissenting views and circulating them for signatures takes time, and if they can limit the time, they hope they can limit the debate.

It is truly shameful that a party which served in the minority for 40 years would be so quick to trample on one of the most important minority rights—namely, the right to express your views.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, the distinguished chairman of our Rules Committee Mr. SOLOMON, for all his diligent work on behalf of the rules of this House. I wish all of my colleagues a happy new year and look forward to working with all of you for a productive session.

As Members know, this time 2 years ago the new Republican majority brought forward a bold and comprehensive package of rules changes geared toward creating a more open, more responsive and more effective House. With those landmark changes we began a new era of management of this institution—one that fostered greater deliberation and public accountability. Today we bring forth a second installment, by design more moderate in scope and targeted toward refining the major improvements we made in 1995.

I was proud to have assisted in crafting this package, working with our chairman and my colleague DAVID DREIER in holding unprecedented public hearings to solicit suggestions from our colleagues and outside witnesses. Those four hearings—held in the late summer and early fall—greatly assisted our efforts to design this targeted package of rules changes. It is my hope that this exercise becomes standard procedure. Mr. SOLOMON has already described the details of this package, which all Members by now have had the opportunity to scrutinize and review. I would just like to point out three specific changes that I think are particularly important. The first is the incorporation of dynamic scoring—in effect providing official recognition of what many of us have known for some time: that legislation does affect the way people act. It's about time we became more accurate and sophisticated in our budget scoring efforts and began attempting to remove some of the institutional bias towards profligate spending.

Second, I am pleased that we were able to provide for the establishment of a suitable drug testing policy for this House. This is a matter on which the private sector and even the executive branch have moved while this House has lagged behind. It's time we brought ourselves into line with the times and this rules package paves the way for that to happen. Finally, we are continuing our important efforts to modernize Congress and open the legislative process to the sunshine of public scrutiny by asking our committees, to the maximum extent feasible, to put their publications on the Internet. We are all committed to expanding public access to and understanding of the workings of this Congress—and clearly opening up the committee process is integral to that effort. One last note on a topic that has received considerable attention recently—this rules package does temporarily reconstitute the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct from the previous Congress, to allow it to complete its pending business.

All in all, Mr. Speaker, I think this is a practical and workable package of rules changes, one that builds on the enormous success of the rules rewrite we conducted in 1995—making technical adjustments where the past 2 years' experiences have suggested modifications are needed, and taking additional steps

to enhance the openness, deliberation, and accountability of this body.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Chairman Solomon for allowing me the time to express my support for the provision in the 105th Congress House Rules Package which requires that the Speaker of the House, in consultation with the minority leader, develop a system for drug testing the Members, staff and officers of the House of Representatives. I appreciate Chairman Solomon's commitment to ensuring that this provision is a part of the package.

In the past several Congresses, I have introduced a bill that would require Members of Congress to be mandatorily drug tested. Since 1989, I have followed this practice myself, by paying out of my own pocket to have both my staff and myself randomly drug tested. However, I have continued to work hard to see that mandatory drug testing be implemented in the entire House of Representatives.

I believe that Members of Congress should be mandatorily drug tested, just as our constituents working in federal agencies and private industry are tested. We should not hold ourselves to a different standard than those we represent. As Members of Congress, we have an obligation to not only set policy, but to set an example for those we represent, and show them that we are held accountable for our actions, just as they are asked to be accountable in their jobs.

Furthermore, considering the recent rise of drug use among teens in this country, we must send a message to young people that drug abuse is dangerous and wrong, by taking action to institute mandatory drug testing for Members of Congress.

I am greatly encouraged by this language in the House Rules Package for the 105th Congress. With this provision, we have the opportunity to institute a tough policy on drug testing for Members and staff in the House of Representatives. I urge my colleagues to support this House Rules Package, which I know the chairman himself and the staff of the House Rules Committee has put a lot of work into.

I appreciate Chairman Solomon's willingness to work with me personally on an issue I feel strongly about, especially for the language specifying that the system of drug testing may provide for testing of any Member, officer, or employee of the House.

I would especially like to recommend that the drug testing system developed for the House contain a provision that Members of the House of Representatives, in particular, be required to submit to mandatory, random drug tests. Although the traditional method of drug testing is urinalysis, I would like to see the final regulations leave the options open so that Members may have the choice of other methods of testing in addition to urinalysis.

Again, I thank the chairman for the time and commend him for his long-standing championship of drug testing so that we may fight the war against drugs and make the Congress more accountable to those we represent.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 202, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 4]

YEAS—221

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gingrich
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Morella
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—202

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Goode
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—10

Barrett (NE)
Blagojevich
Brady
Brown (FL)
Condit
Cooksey
Peterson (PA)
Sanford
Torres
Weller

□ 1615

Mr. CONYERS changed his vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

MOTION TO COMMIT OFFERED BY MR. MCDERMOTT

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MCDERMOTT moves to commit the resolution (H. Res. 5), to a select committee comprised of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report back the same to the House forthwith with only the following amendment:

In the last sentence of section 25, strike '', or at the expiration of January 21, 1997, whichever is earlier''.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, due to the noise, I did not hear the Clerk read

and I have three different motions to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will re-report the motion.

The Clerk re-reported the motion.

□ 1630

Mr. SOLOMON. So there is no date at all in what the gentleman just read.

Mr. DOGGETT. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, is this the vote to accept the independent counsel's recommendations for the orderly——

Mr. SOLOMON. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DOGGETT. Consideration of the Gingrich ethics complaint requested——

Mr. SOLOMON. Regular order.

Mr. DOGGETT. By both the Republicans and Democrat members of the ——

Mr. SOLOMON. Regular order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

The motion to commit is not debatable under general parliamentary procedure applicable to the House.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to commit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to commit offered by the gentleman from Washington [Mr. MCDERMOTT].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, on that demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 205, nays 223, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 5]

YEAS—205

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Goode
Gordon
Goss
Green
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schiff
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NAYS—223

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brady
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Morella
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—4

Condit
Gutierrez
Sanford
Torres

□ 1645

Mr. GREENWOOD and Mr. ROBERT SCHAFFER of Colorado changed their vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

So the motion to commit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 226, nays 202, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 6]

YEAS—226

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brady
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Morella
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney

Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Traficant
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—202

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Campbell
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Holden
Hooley
Hoyer
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (WI)
Johnson, E. B.
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
Kleczka
Klink
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McDermott
McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—4

McInnis
Richardson
Stabenow
Torres

□ 1705

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 5.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed resolutions and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

S. RES. 6

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Strom Thurmond, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, as President pro tempore.

S. CON. RES. 1

Concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 9, 1997, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 2

Concurrent resolution to extend the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and the provisions of S. Con. Res. 48.

S. CON. RES. 3

Concurrent resolution providing for a recess or adjournment of the Senate from January 9, 1997 to January 21, 1997, and an adjournment of the House from January 9, 1997 to January 20, 1997, from January 20, 1997 to January 21, 1997, and from January 21, 1997 to February 4, 1997.

COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY EMPLOYEES

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 6) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 6

Resolved, That pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended, the six minority employees authorized therein shall be the following named persons, effective January 3, 1997, until otherwise ordered by the House, to wit: Steve Elmendorf, George Kundanis, Marti Thomas, Sharon Daniels, Dan Turton, and Laura Nichols, each to receive gross compensation pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 119, Ninety-fifth Congress, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Public Law 95–94. In addition, the Minority Leader may appoint and set the annual rate of pay for up to three further minority employees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ESTABLISHING THE CORRECTIONS CALENDAR OFFICE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 7) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 7

Resolved,

SECTION 1. CORRECTIONS CALENDAR OFFICE.

There is established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Corrections Calendar Office, which shall have the responsibility of assisting the Speaker in the management of the Corrections Calendar under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Office shall have not more than five employees—

(1) who shall be appointed by the Speaker, in consultation with the minority leader; and

(2) whose annual rate of pay shall be establish by the Speaker, but may not exceed 75 percent of the maximum annual rate under the general limitation specified by the order of the Speaker in effect under section 311(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (2 U.S.C. 60a 2a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE FROM JANUARY 9, 1997, TO JANUARY 21, 1997; AND FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FROM JANUARY 9, 1997, TO JANUARY 20, 1997, AND FROM JANUARY 21, 1997 TO FEBRUARY 4, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged

Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) to provide for a recess or adjournment of the Senate from January 9, 1997, to January 21, 1997; and for adjournment of the House from January 9, 1997, to January 20, 1997, and from January 21, 1997, to February 4, 1997

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, January 9, 1997, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader or his designee, in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, or until such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the House adjourns on Thursday, January 9, 1997, it stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 1997; that when the House adjourns on Monday, January 20, 1997, it stand adjourned until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 21, 1997; and that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Senate concurrent resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 222, nays 198, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 7]

YEAS—222

Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Boucher
Brady
Bryant
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Coble
Coburn
Collins
Combest
Cook
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill
Hilleary
Hobson
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King (NY)
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Lucas
Manzullo
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Moran (KS)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oxley
Packard
Pappas
Parker
Paul
Paxon
Pease
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Riley
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Roukema
Royce
Ryun
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer, Dan
Schaffer, Bob
Schiff
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith, Linda
Snowbarger
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stump
Sununu
Talent
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Upton
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wolf
Young (AK)

NAYS—198

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Bentsen
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boyd
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Cardin
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cummings
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
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Dingell
Dixon
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Maloney (CT)
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McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
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McGovern
McHale
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Price (NC)
Rahall
Reyes
Rivers
Roemer
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sherman
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith, Adam
Snyder
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Thompson
Thurman
Tierney
Towns
Traficant
Turner
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Wexler
Weygand
Wise
Woolsey
Wynn

NOT VOTING—12

Hoekstra
McInnis
Rangel
Richardson
Ros-Lehtinen
Smith (NJ)
Smith (OR)
Stokes
Torres
Weldon (PA)
Yates
Young (FL)

□ 1729

Mr. METCALF changed his vote from ''nay'' to ''yea.''

So the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION TO COUNT ELECTORAL VOTES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) laid before the House the following privileged Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 1) to provide for the counting on January 9, 1997, of the electoral votes for the President and Vice President of the United States.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the two Houses of Congress shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, the 9th day of January 1997, at 1 o'clock post meridian, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of the President and Vice President of the United States, and the President of the Senate shall be their Presiding Officer; that two tellers shall be previously appointed by the President of the Senate on the part of the Senate and two by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates and papers purporting to be certificates of the electoral votes, which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter ''A''; and said tellers, having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certificates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted in the manner and according to the rules by law provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected President and Vice President of the United States, and, together with a list of the votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the Senate concurrent resolution is concurred in.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO MAKE INAUGURATION ARRANGEMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) to extend the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That effective from January 3, 1997, the joint committee created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration, is hereby continued with the same power and authority.

SEC. 2. That effective from January 3, 1997, the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, to authorize the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President of the United States, and for other purposes, are hereby continued with the same power and authority.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate concurrent resolution is concurred in.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INAUGURATION ON JANUARY 20, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, 105th Congress, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment as members of the joint committee to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States on the 20th day of January 1997, the following Members of the House: Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri, Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia, and Mr. ARMEY of Texas.

PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE AT INAUGURAL CEREMONIES ON JANUARY 20, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 8) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 8

Resolved, That at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 1997, the House shall proceed to the West Front of the Capitol for the purpose of attending the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States; and that upon the conclusion of the ceremonies the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 21, 1997.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 9) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 9

Resolved, that unless otherwise ordered, before Monday, May 12, 1997, the daily meetings of the House shall be at 2 p.m. on Mondays; at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and at 10 a.m. on all other days of the week; and that from Monday, May 12, 1997, until the end of the first session, the daily meeting of the House shall be at noon on Mondays; at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and at 9 a.m. on all other days of the week.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OR HIS DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE HONORABLE FRANK TEJEDA

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 10) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 10

Whereas, Frank Tejeda, a Representative-elect from the 28th District of the State of Texas, has been unable from illness to appear in person to be sworn as a Member of the House, and there being no contest or question as to his election; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker, or deputy named by him, is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Frank Tejeda at San Antonio, Texas, and that such oath be accepted and received by the House as the oath of office of the Honorable Frank Tejeda.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 10, 105th Congress, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the Honorable Orlando Garcia, Federal District Court Judge, to administer the oath of office to the Honorable FRANK TEJEDA.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OR HIS DEPUTY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE HONORABLE JULIA CARSON

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 11) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 11

Whereas, Julia Carson, a Representative-elect from the Tenth District of the State of Indiana, has been unable from illness to appear in person to be sworn as a Member of the House, and there being no contest or question as to her election: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker, or deputy named by him, is hereby authorized to administer the oath of office to the Honorable Julia Carson at Indianapolis, Indiana, and that such oath be accepted and received by the House as the oath of office of the Honorable Julia Carson.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 11, 105th Congress, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the Honorable S. Hugh Dillon, Federal District Court Judge, to administer the oath of office to the Honorable JULIA CARSON.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 12) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 12

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees:

Committee on Agriculture: Mr. Smith of Oregon, Chairman; Mr. Combest; Mr. Barrett of Nebraska; Mr. Boehner; Mr. Ewing; Mr. Doolittle; Mr. Goodlatte; Mr. Pombo; Mr. Canady; Mr. Smith of Michigan; Mr. Everett; Mr. Lucas; Mr. Lewis of Kentucky; Mrs. Chenoweth; Mr. Hostettler; Mr. Bryant; Mr. Foley; Mr. Chambliss; Mr. LaHood; Mrs. Emerson; Mr. Moran of Kansas; Mr. Blunt; Mr. Pickering; Mr. Bob Schaffer of Colorado; Mr. Thune; Mr. Jenkins; and Mr. Cooksey.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Livingston, Chairman; Mr. McDade; Mr. Young of Florida; Mr. Regula; Mr. Lewis of California; Mr. Porter; Mr. Rogers; Mr. Skeen; Mr. Wolf; Mr. DeLay; Mr. Kolbe; Mr. Packard; Mr. Callahan; Mr. Walsh; Mr. Taylor of North Carolina; Mr. Hobson; Mr. Istook; Mr. Bonilla; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Miller of Florida; Mr. Dickey; Mr. Kingston; Mr. Parker; Mr. Frelinghuysen; Mr. Wicker; Mr. Forbes; Mr. Nethercutt; Mr. Neumann; Mr. Cunningham; Mr. Tiahrt; Mr. Wamp; Mr. Latham; Mrs. Northup; and Mr. Aderholt.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Mr. Leach, Chairman; Mr. McCollum; Mrs. Roukema; Mr. Bereuter; Mr. Baker; Mr. Lazio; Mr. Bachus; Mr. Castle; Mr. King; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Royce; Mr. Lucas; Mr. Metcalf; Mr. Ney; Mr. Ehrlich; Mr. Barr of Georgia; Mr. Fox; Mr. LoBiondo; Mr. Watts of Oklahoma; Mrs. Kelly; Mr. Paul; Mr. Weldon of Florida; Mr. Ryun; Mr. Cook; Mr. Snowbarger; Mr. Riley; Mr. Hill; and Mr. Sessions.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Kasich, Chairman; Mr. Hobson; Mr. Shays; Mr. Herger; Mr. Bunning; Mr. Smith of Texas; Mr. Miller of Florida; Mr. Franks of New Jersey; Mr. Smith of Michigan; Mr. Inglis of South Carolina; Ms. Molinari; Mr. Nussle; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. Shadegg; Mr. Radanovich; Mr. Bass; Mr. Neumann; Mr. Parker; Mr. Ehrlich; Mr. Gutknecht; Mr. Hilleary; Ms. Granger; Mr. Sununu; and Mr. Pitts.

Committee on Commerce: Mr. Bliley, Chairman; Mr. Tauzin; Mr. Oxley; Mr. Bilirakis; Mr. Dan Schaefer of Colorado; Mr. Barton of Texas; Mr. Hastert; Mr. Upton; Mr. Stearns; Mr. Paxon; Mr. Gillmor; Mr. Klug; Mr. Greenwood; Mr. Crapo; Mr. Cox; Mr. Deal of Georgia; Mr. Largent; Mr. Burr of North Carolina; Mr. Bilbray; Mr. Whitfield; Mr. Ganske; Mr. Norwood; Mr. White; Mr. Coburn; Mr. Lazio; Mrs. Cubin; Mr. Rogan; and Mr. Shimkus.

Committee on Education and the Workplace: Mr. Goodling, Chairman; Mr. Petri; Mrs. Roukema; Mr. Fawell; Mr. Ballenger; Mr. Barrett of Nebraska; Mr. Hoekstra; Mr. KcKeon; Mr. Castle; Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas; Mr. Talent; Mr. Greenwood; Mr. Knollenberg; Mr. Riggs; Mr. Graham; Mr. Souder; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Norwood; Mr. Paul; Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Bob Schaffer of Colorado.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Mr. Burton of Indiana, Chairman; Mr. Gilman; Mr. Hastert; Mrs. Morella; Mr. Shays; Mr. Schiff; Mr. Cox; Ms. Ros-Lehtinen; Mr. McHugh; Mr. Horn; Mr. Mica; Mr. Davis; Mr. McIntosh; Mr. Souder; Mr. Scarborough; Mr. Shadegg; Mr. LaTourette; Mr. Sanford; Mr. Ehrlich; Mr. Sununu; Mr. Sessions; Mr. Pappas; Mr. Brady; and Mr. Snowbarger.

Committee on House Oversight: Mr. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Boehner; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Ney; and Ms. Granger.

Committee on International Relations: Mr. Gilman, Chairman; Mr. Goodling; Mr. Leach; Mr. Hyde; Mr. Bereuter; Mr. Smith of New Jersey; Mr. Burton of Indiana; Mr. Gallegly; Ms. Ros-Lehtinen; Mr. Ballenger; Mr. Rohrabacher; Mr. Manzullo; Mr. Royce; Mr. King; Mr. Kim; Mr. Chabot; Mr. Sanford; Mr. Salmon; Mr. Houghton; Mr. Campbell; Mr. Fox; Mr. McHugh; Mr. Graham; Mr. Blunt; and Mr. Moran of Kansas.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Hyde, Chairman; Mr. Sensenbrenner; Mr. McCollum; Mr. Gekas; Mr. Coble; Mr. Smith of Texas; Mr. Schiff; Mr. Gallegly; Mr. Canady; Mr. Inglis of South Carolina; Mr. Goodlatte; Mr. Buyer; Mr. Bono; Mr. Bryant; Mr. Chabot; Mr. Barr of Georgia; Mr. Jenkins; Mr. Hutchinson; Mr. Pease; and Mr. Cannon.

Committee on National Security: Mr. Spence, Chairman; Mr. Stump; Mr. Hunter; Mr. Kasich; Mr. Bateman; Mr. Hansen; Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Saxton; Mr. Buyer; Mrs. Fowler; Mr. McHugh; Mr. Talent; Mr. Everett; Mr. Bartlett of Maryland; Mr. McKeon; Mr. Lewis of Kentucky; Mr. Watts of Oklahoma; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Hostettler; Mr. Chambliss; Mr. Hilleary; Mr. Scarborough; Mr. Jones; Mr. Graham; Mr. Bono; Mr. Ryun; Mr. Pappas; Mr. Riley; and Mr. Gibbons.

Committee on Resources: Mr. Young of Alaska, Chairman; Mr. Tauzin; Mr. Hansen; Mr. Saxton; Mr. Gallegly; Mr. Duncan; Mr. Hefley; Mr. Doolittle; Mr. Gilchrest; Mr. Calvert; Mr. Pombo; Mrs. Cubin; Mrs. Chenoweth; Mrs. Smith of Washington; Mr. Radanovich; Mr. Jones; Mr. Thornberry; Mr. Shadegg; Mr. Ensign; Mr. Smith of Oregon; Mr. Cannon; Mr. Brady; Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hill; Mr. Bob Schaffer of Colorado; and Mr. Gibbons.

Committee on Rules: Mr. Solomon, Chairman; Mr. Dreier; Mr. Goss; Mr. Linder; Ms. Pryce; Mr. Diaz-Balart; Mr. McInnis; Mr. Hastings; and Mrs. Myrick.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Shuster, Chairman; Mr. Young of Alaska; Mr. Petri; Mr. Boehlert; Mr. Bateman; Mr. Coble; Mr. Duncan; Ms. Molinari; Mr. Ewing; Mr. Gilchrest; Mr. Kim; Mr. Horn; Mr. Franks of New Jersey; Mr. Mica; Mr. Quinn; Mrs. Fowler; Mr. Ehlers; Mr. Bachus; Mr. LaTourette; Mrs. Kelly; Mr. LaHood; Mr. Baker; Mr. Riggs; Mr. Bass; Mr. Ney; Mr. Metcalf; Mrs. Emerson; Mr. Pease; Mr. Blunt; Mr. Pitts; Mr. Hutchinson; Mr. Cook; Mr. Cooksey; Mr. Thune; Mr. Pickering; and Ms. Granger.

Committee on Ways and Means: Mr. Archer, Chairman; Mr. Crane; Mr. Thomas; Mr. Shaw; Mrs. Johnson of Connecticut; Mr. Bunning; Mr. Houghton; Mr. Herger; Mr. McCrery; Mr. Camp; Mr. Ramstad; Mr. Nussle; Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas; Ms. Dunn; Mr. Collins; Mr. Portman; Mr. English of Pennsylvania; Mr. Ensign; Mr. Christensen; Mr. Watkins; Mr. Hayworth; Mr. Weller; and Mr. Hulshof.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Mr. Hansen, Chairman.

Mr. BOEHNER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 13) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 13

Resolved, that the following named Members be and they are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Charles Stenholm, Texas; George Brown, Jr., California; Gary Condit, California; Collin Peterson, Minnesota; Calvin Dooley, California; Eva Clayton, North Carolina; David Minge, Minnesota; Earl Hilliard, Alabama; Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota; Tim Holden, Pennsylvania; Scotty Baesler, Kentucky; Sanford Bishop, Jr., Georgia; Bennie Thompson, Mississippi; Sam Farr, California; John Baldacci, Maine; Marion Berry, Arkansas; Virgil Goode, Virginia; Mike McIntyre, North Carolina; Debbie Stabenow, Michigan; Bobby Etheridge, North Carolina; Chris John, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

David Obey, Wisconsin; Sidney Yates, Illinois; Louis Stokes, Ohio; John Murtha, Pennsylvania; Norm Dicks, Washington; Martin Sabo, Minnesota; Julian Dixon, California; Vic Fazio, California; Bill Hefner, North Carolina; Steny Hoyer, Maryland; Alan Mollohan, West Virginia; Marcy Kaptur, Ohio; David Skaggs, Colorado; Nancy Pelosi, California; Peter Visclosky, Indiana; Thomas Foglietta, Pennsylvania; Esteban Torres, California; Nita Lowey, New York; Jose Serrano, New York; Rosa DeLauro, Connecticut; James Moran, Virginia; John Olver, Massachusetts; Ed Pastor, Arizona; Carrie Meek, Florida; David Price, North Carolina; Chet Edwards, Texas.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Henry Gonzalez, Texas; John LaFalce, New York; Bruce Vento, Minnesota; Charles Schumer, New York; Barney Frank, Massachusetts; Paul Kanjorski, Pennsylvania; Joseph Kennedy, Massachusetts; Floyd Flake, New York; Maxine Waters, California; Carolyn Maloney, New York; Luis Gutierrez, New York; Lucille Roybal-Allard, California; Thomas Barrett, Wisconsin; Nydia Velazquez, New York; Melvin Watt, North Carolina; Maurice Hinchey, New York; Gary Ackerman, New York; Ken Bentsen, Texas; Jesse Jackson, Illinois; Cynthia McKinney, Georgia; Carolyn Kilpatrick, Michigan; Jim Maloney, Connecticut; Darlene Hooley, Oregon; Julia Carson, Indiana (When Sworn).

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

John Spratt, South Carolina; Louise Slaughter, New York; Alan Mollohan, West Virginia; Jerry Costello, Illinois; Patsy Mink, Hawaii; Earl Pomeroy, North Dakota; Lynn Woolsey, California; Lucille Roybal-Allard, California; Lynn Rivers, Michigan; Lloyd Doggett, Texas; Bennie Thompson, Mississippi; Ben Cardin, Maryland; Scotty Baesler, Kentucky; David Minge, Minnesota; Ken Bentsen, Texas; Jim Davis, Florida; Brad Sherman, California; Robert Weygand, Rhode Island.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

John Dingell, Michigan; Henry Waxman, California; Edward Markey, Massachusetts; Ralph Hall, Texas; Bill Richardson, New Mexico; Rick Boucher, Virginia; Thomas Manton, New York; Edolphus Towns, New York; Sherrod Brown, Ohio; Bart Gordon, Tennessee; Elizabeth Furse, Oregon; Peter Deutsch, Florida; Bobby Rush, Illinois; Anna Eshoo, California; Ron Klink, Pennsylvania; Bart Stupak, Michigan; Eliot Engel, New York; Albert Wynn, Maryland; Gene Green, Texas; Karen McCarthy, Missouri; Ted Strickland, Ohio; Diana DeGette, Colorado; Tom Sawyer, Ohio.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

William Clay, Missouri; George Miller, California; Dale Kildee, Michigan; Matthew Martinez, California; Major Owens, New York; Donald Payne, New Jersey; Patsy Mink, Hawaii; Robert Andrews, New Jersey; Tim Roemer, Indiana; Robert Scott, Virginia; Lynn Woolsey, California; Carlos Romero-Barceló, Puerto Rico; Chaka Fattah, Pennsylvania; Earl Blumenauer, Oregon; Ruben Hinojosa, Texas; Carolyn McCarthy, New York; John Tierney, Massachusetts; Ron Kind, Wisconsin; Loretta Sanchez, California; and Harold Ford, Jr., Tennessee.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

Henry Waxman, California; Tom Lantos, California; Robert Wise, West Virginia; Major Owens, New York; Edolphus Towns, New York; Paul Kanjorski, Pennsylvania; Gary Condit, California; Collin Peterson, Minnesota; Carolyn Maloney, New York; Thomas Barrett, Wisconsin; Eleanor Holmes-Norton, District of Columbia; Chaka Fattah, Pennsylvania; Tim Holden, Pennsylvania; Elijah Cummings, Maryland; Dennis Kucinich, Ohio; and Rob Blagojevich, Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT

Sam Gejdenson, Connecticut.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Lee Hamilton, Indiana; Sam Gejdenson, Connecticut; Tom Lantos, California; Howard Berman, California; Gary Ackerman, New York; Eni Faleomavaega, American Samoa; Matthew Martinez, California; Donald Payne, New Jersey; Robert Andrews, New Jersey; Robert Menendez, New Jersey; Sherrod Brown, Ohio; Cynthia McKinney, Georgia; Alcee Hastings, Florida; Pat Danner, Missouri; Earl Hilliard, Alabama; Walter Capps, California; Brad Sherman, California; Robert Wexler, Florida; Dennis Kucinich, Ohio; Steve Rothman, New Jersey.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

John Conyers, Michigan; Barney Frank, Massachusetts; Charles Schumer, New York; Howard Berman, California; Rick Boucher, Virginia; Jerrold Nadler, New York; Robert Scott, Virginia; Melvin Watt, North Carolina; Zoe Lofgren, California; Sheila Jackson-Lee, Texas; Maxine Waters, California; Marty Meehan, Massachusetts; William DeLahunt, Massachusetts; Robert Wexler, Florida; Steve Rothman, New Jersey.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Ronald Dellums, California; Ike Skelton, Missouri; Norman Sisisky, Virginia; John Spratt, North Carolina; Solomon Ortiz, Texas; Owen Pickett, Virginia; Lane Evans, Illinois; Gene Taylor, Mississippi; Neil Abercrombie, Hawaii; Frank Tejeda, Texas (When Sworn); Martin Meehan, Massachusetts; Robert Underwood, Guam; Jane Harman, California; Paul McHale, Pennsylvania; Patrick Kennedy, Road Island; Rod Blagojevich, Illinois; Sylvester Reyes, Texas; Tom Allen, Maine; Vic Snyder, Arkansas; Jim Turner, Texas; Allen Boyd, Florida; Adam Smith, Washington.

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

George Miller, California; Edward Markey, Massachusetts; Nick Rahall, West Virginia; Bruce Vento, Minnesota; Dale Kildee, Michigan; Sam Gejdenson, Connecticut; Bill Richardson, New Mexico; Peter DeFazio, Oregon; Eni Faleomavaega, American Samoa; Neil Abercrombie, Hawaii; Solomon Ortiz, Texas; Owen Pickett, Virginia; Frank Pallone, New Jersey; Calvin Dooley, California; Carlos Romero-Barcelo, Puerto Rico; Maurice Hinchey, New York; Robert Underwood, Guam; Sam Farr, California; Patrick Kennedy, Rhode Island; Adam Smith, Washington; William Delahunt, Massachusetts; Chris John, Louisiana; Donna Green, Virgin Islands.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

John Joseph Moakley, Massachusetts; Martin Frost, Texas; Tony P. Hall, Ohio; Louise Slaughter, New York.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

James Oberstar, Minnesota; Nick Rahall, West Virginia; Robert Borski, Pennsylvania; William Lipinski, Illinois; Robert Wise, West Virginia, James Traficant, Ohio; Peter DeFazio, Oregon; Bob Clement, Tennessee; Jerry Costello, Illinois; Glenn Poshard, Illinois; Bud Cramer, Jr., Alabama; Eleanor Holmes-Norton, District of Columbia; Jerrold Nadler, New York; Pat Danner, Missouri; Robert Menendez, New Jersey; James Clyburn, South Carolina; Corrine Brown, Florida; James Barcia, Michigan; Bob Filner, California; Eddie Bernice-Johnson, Texas; Frank Mascara, Pennsylvania; Gene Taylor, Mississippi; Juanita Millender-McDonald, California; Elijah Cummings, Maryland; Max Sandlin, Texas; Ellen Tauscher, California; Bill Pascrell, New Jersey; Jay Johnson, Wisconsin; Leonard Boswell, Iowa; Jim McCovern, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Charles Rangel, New York; Pete Stark, California; Robert Matsui, California; Barbara Kennelly, Connecticut; William Coyne, Pennsylvania; Sander Levin, Michigan; Benjamin Cardin, Maryland; Jim McDermott, Washington; Gerald Kleczka, Wisconsin; John Lewis, Georgia; Richard Neal, Massachusetts; Michael McNulty, New York; William Jefferson, Louisiana; John Tanner, Tennessee; Xavier Becerra, California; Karen Thurman, Florida.

Mr. FAZIO of California (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer an additional privileged resolution (H. Res. 14) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 14

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committees:

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

Mr. FAZIO of California (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would like to enunciate an essential rule of decorum.

It is an essential rule of decorum in debate that Members should refrain from references in debate to the conduct of other Members where such conduct is not the question actually pending before the House by way of a report from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or by way of any question of the privileges of the House. The principle is documented on pages 168 and 226 of the House Rules and Manual and reflects the consistent rulings of the Chair in prior Congresses and applies to one-minutes and special-order speeches.

Neither the filing of a complaint before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, nor the conduct of investigations in prior Congresses, nor the publication in another forum of charges that are personally critical of another Member, justify references to such charges on the floor of the House. This includes references to the motivations of Members who file complaints and to Members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Clause 1 of rule XIV is a prohibition against engaging in personality in debate. It derives from article I, section 5 of the Constitution, which authorizes each House to make its own rules and to punish its Members for disorderly behavior and has been part of the rules of the House in some relevant form since 1789. This rule supersedes any claim of a Member to be free from questioning in any other place.

On January 27, 1909, the House adopted a report that stated the following, which is recorded in Cannon's Precedents, volume 8, at section 2497:

''It is * * * the duty of the House to require its Members in speech or debate to preserve that proper restraint which will permit the House to conduct its business in an orderly manner and without unnecessarily and unduly exciting animosity among its Members.''

This report was in response to improper references in debate to the President, but clearly reiterated a principle that all occupants of the Chair in prior Congresses, both Republican and Democratic, have held to be equally applicable to Members' remarks in debate toward each other.

The Chair asks and expects the cooperation of all Members in maintaining a level of decorum that properly dignifies the proceedings of the House and respects proper rulings of the Chair.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Is it the Speaker's contention that he is stating what has been the rules of the House for many years?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The purpose of reading this is that we have adopted the rules, and this follows the precedents that have been set previously by previous Congresses, both Democrat and Republican, and the Chair wanted to reiterate it for all Members, particularly new Members.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, further inquiry. Does it require a Member to rise on the floor to ask for the enforcement of the rule, or is that at the discretion of the Speaker or his designee?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Either the Chair or a Member may initiate points of order.

Mr. FAZIO of California. So if it is not the position of a Member who perhaps hears a rule being violated and brings it to the Speaker's attention, the Speaker would be in a position to enforce it from the Chair. Would the Speaker therefore be required to do it under all circumstances and show no discretion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair normally uses its initiative to enforce the rule with respect to references to the President and Members of the Senate.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Members of the House, I infer, would need to have the rule applied to them by an objection arising from among the membership?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That has generally been the practice of the Chair.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I appreciate that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Not invariably.

ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Thursday, January 9, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR BY THE HOUSE NOT WITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 4, 1997, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday Rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 5, 1997.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE ON PROCEDURES FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Policies of the Chair, January 7, 1997:

The Chair customarily takes this occasion on the opening day of a Congress to announce his policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process. The Chair will insert in the RECORD announcements by the Speaker concerning, first, privileges of the floor; second, the introduction of bills and resolutions; third, unanimous consent requests for the consideration of bills and resolutions; fourth, recognition for 1-minute speeches, morning hour debate and special orders; fifth, decorum in debate; sixth, the conduct of votes by electronic device and, seventh, the distribution of written material on the House floor.

These announcements where appropriate will reiterate the origins of the stated policies. The Speaker intends to continue in the 105th Congress the policies reflected in these statements. The policy announced in the 102d Congress with respect to judicial concepts related to clause 5(b) of rule XXI, tax and tariff measures, will continue to govern but need not be reiterated as it is adequately documented as precedent in the House Rules and Manual.

The announcements referred to follow:

1. PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The Speaker's instructions to the former Doorkeeper and the Sergeant-at-arms announced on January 25, 1983, and on January 21, 1986, regarding floor privileges of staff will apply during the 105th Congress. The Speaker's policy announced on August 1, 1996, regarding floor privileges of former Members will also apply during the 105th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 25, 1983

The SPEAKER. Rule XXXII strictly limits those persons to whom the privileges of the floor during sessions of the House are extended, and that rule prohibits the Chair from entertaining requests for suspension or waiver of that rule. As reiterated as recently as August 22, 1974, by Speaker Albert under the principle stated in Deschler's Procedure, chapter 4, section 3.4, the rule strictly limits the number of committee staff permitted on the floor at one time during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. This permission does not extend to Members' personal staff except when a Member has an amendment actually pending during the five-minute rule. To this end, the Chair requests all Members and committee staff to cooperate to assure that not more than the proper number of staff are on the floor, and then only during the actual consideration of measures reported from their committees. The Chair will again extend this admonition to all properly admitted majority and minority staff by insisting that their presence on the floor, including the areas behind the rail, be restricted to those periods during which their supervisors have specifically requested their presence. The Chair stated this policy in the 97th Congress, and an increasing number of Members have insisted on strict enforcement of the rule. The Chair has consulted with and has the concurrence of the Minority Leader with respect to this policy and has directed [the Doorkeeper] and the Sergeant-at-arms to assure proper enforcement of the rule.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 21, 1986

The SPEAKER. Rule XXXII strictly limits those persons to whom the privileges of the floor during sessions of the House are extended, and that rule prohibits the Chair from entertaining requests for suspension or waiver of that rule. As reiterated by the Chair on January 25, 1983, and January 3, 1985, and as stated in chapter 4, section 3.4 of Deschler-Brown's Procedure in the House of Representatives, the rule strictly limits the number of committee staff on the floor at one time during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. This permission does not extend to members' personal staff except when a member's amendment is actually pending during the five-minute rule. It also does not extend to personal staff of members who are sponsors of pending bills or who are engaging in special orders. The Chair requests the cooperation of all members and committee staff to assure that only the proper number of staff are on the floor, and then only during the consideration of measures reported from their committees. The Chair is making this statement and reiterating this policy because of concerns expressed by many members about the number of committee staff on the floor during the last weeks of the first session. The Chair requests each chairman, and each ranking minority member, to submit to the [Doorkeeper] Sergeant-at-arms a list of staff who are to be allowed on the floor during the consideration of a measure reported by their committee. Each staff person should exchange his or her ID for a ''committee staff'' badge which is to be worn while on the floor. The Chair has consulted with the Minority Leader and will continue to consult with him. The Chair has furthermore directed the [Doorkeeper and] Sergeant-at-arms to assure proper enforcement of rule XXXII.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, AUGUST 1, 1996

The SPEAKER. The Chair will make a statement. On May 25, 1995, the Chair took the opportunity to reiterate guidelines on the prohibition against former Members exercising floor privileges during the consideration of a matter in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest or are employed or retained as a lobbyist.

Clause 3 of House rule XXXII and the subsequent guidelines issued by previous Speakers on this matter make it clear that consideration of legislative measures is not limited solely to those pending before the House. Consideration also includes all bills and resolutions either which have been called up by a full committee or subcommittee or on which hearings have been held by a full committee or subcommittee of the House.

Former Members can be prohibited from privileges of the floor, the Speaker's lobby and respective Cloakrooms should it be ascertained they have direct interests in legislation that is before a subcommittee, full committee, or the House. Not only do those circumstances prohibit former Members but the fact that a former Member is employed or retained by a lobbying organization attempting to directly or indirectly influence pending legislation is cause for prohibiting access to the House Chamber.

First announced by Speaker O'Neill on January 6, 1977, again on June 7, 1978, and by Speaker Foley in 1994, the guidelines were intended to prohibit former Members from using their floor privileges under the restrictions laid out in this rule. This restriction extends not only to the House floor but adjacent rooms, the Cloakrooms, and the Speaker's lobby.

Members who have reason to know that a former Member is on the floor inconsistent with clause 3, rule XXXII, should notify the Sergeant-at-arms promptly.

2. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker's policy announced on January 3, 1983, will continue to apply in the 105th Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 3, 1983

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to make a statement concerning the introduction and reference of bills and resolutions. As Members are aware, they have the privilege today of introducing bills. Heretofore on the opening day of a new Congress, several hundred bills have been introduced. The Chair will do his best to refer as many bills as possible, but he will ask the indulgence of Members if he is unable to refer all the bills that may be introduced. Those bills which are not referred and do not appear in the Record as of today will be included in the next day's Record and printed with a date as of today.

The Chair has advised all officers and employees of the House that are involved in the processing of bills that every bill, resolution,

memorial, petition or other material that is placed in the hopper must bear the signature of a Member. Where a bill or resolution is jointly sponsored, the signature must be that of the Member first named thereon. The bill clerk is instructed to return to the Member any bill which appears in the hopper without an original signature. This procedure was inaugurated in the 92nd Congress. It has worked well, and the Chair thinks that it is essential to continue this practice to insure the integrity of the process by which legislation is introduced in the House.

3. UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUESTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker will continue to follow the guidelines recorded in section 757 of the House Rules and Manual conferring recognition for unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of bills and resolutions only when assured that the majority and minority floor leadership and committee and subcommittee Chairmen and ranking minority members have no objection. Consistent with those guidelines, and with the Chair's inherent power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XIV, the Chair, and any occupant of the Chair appointed as Speaker pro tempore pursuant to clause 7 of rule I, will decline recognition for unanimous-consent requests for consideration of bills and resolutions without assurances that the request has been so cleared. This denial of recognition by the Chair will not reflect necessarily any personal opposition on the part of the Chair to orderly consideration of the matter in question, but will reflect the determination upon the part of the Chair that orderly procedures will be followed; that is, procedures involving consultation and agreement between floor and committee leadership on both sides of the aisle. In addition to unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of bills and resolutions, section 757 of the House Rules Manual also chronicles examples where the Speaker applied this policy on recognition to other related unanimous-consent requests, such as requests to consider a motion to suspend the rules on a nonsuspension day and requests to permit consideration of nongermane amendments to bills. Such applications of the Speaker's guidelines will continue in the 105th Congress.

As announced by the Speaker, April 26, 1984, the Chair will entertain unanimous-consent requests to dispose of Senate amendments to House bills on the Speaker's table if made by the chairman of the committee with jurisdiction, or by another committee member authorized to make the request.

4. RECOGNITION FOR ONE-MINUTE SPEECHES AND SPECIAL ORDERS

The Speaker's policy announced on January 25, 1984, with respect to recognition for one-minute speeches will apply during the 105th Congress with the continued understanding that the Chair reserves the authority to restrict one-minute speeches at the beginning the legislative day. The Speaker's following policies announced in the 104th Congress will also continue through the 105th Congress: (1) the Speaker's residual policy for the recognition of special-order speeches absent an agreement between the leaderships to the contrary; and (2) the Speaker's policy for recognition for ''morning hour'' debate and restricted special-order speeches, announced on May 12, 1995, with the further clarification that reallocations of time within each leadership special-order period will be permitted with notice to the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, AUGUST 8, 1984, RELATIVE TO RECOGNITION FOR ONE-MINUTE SPEECHES

The SPEAKER. After consultation with and concurrence by the Minority Leader, the Chair announces that he will institute a new policy of recognition for ''one-minute'' speeches and for special order requests. The Chair will alternate recognition for one-minute speeches between majority and minority Members, in the order in which they seek recognition in the well under present practice from the Chair's right to the Chair's left, with possible exceptions for Members of the leadership and Members having business requests. The Chair, of course, reserves the right to limit one-minute speeches to a certain period of time or to a special place in the program on any given day, with notice to the leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 4, 1995, RELATIVE TO ''RESIDUAL'' POLICY FOR RECOGNITION FOR SPECIAL-ORDER SPEECHES

The SPEAKER. Absent an agreement between the leaderships regarding recognition for requests to address the House for ''special-order speeches'' at the end of legislative business, the Chair will decline recognition for permission to address the House for any period extending more than one week in advance of the request. In accordance with the Speaker's policy as enunciated on August 8, 1984, the Chair will first recognize Members who wish to address the House for five minutes or less, alternating between majority and minority Members in the order in which those permissions were granted by the House. Thereafter, the Chair will recognize Members who wish to address the House for longer than five minutes up to one hour, again alternating between majority and minority Members in the order in which those permissions were granted by the House. However, unlike the Speaker's policy of August 8, 1984, the Chair will alternate daily between parties recognition for the first special order longer than five minutes regardless of the order in which permissions were granted.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER JANUARY 4, 1995, RELATIVE TO SPECIAL-ORDER SPEECHES AND MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. Upon consultation with the Minority Leader, the Chair announces that the format for recognition for ''morning-hour'' debate and restricted special-order speeches, which began on February 23, 1994, will continue [through the 105th Congress], as outlined below:

On Tuesdays, following legislative business, the Chair may recognize Members for special-order speeches up to midnight, and such speeches may not extend beyond midnight. On all other days of the week, the Chair may recognize Members for special-order speeches up to four hours after the conclusion of five-minute special-order speeches. Such speeches may not extend beyond the four-hour limit without the permission of the Chair, which may be granted only with advance consultation between the leaderships and notification to the House. However, at no time shall the Chair recognize for any special-order speeches beyond midnight.

The Chair will first recognize Members for five-minute special-order speeches, alternating initially and subsequently between the parties regardless of the date the order was granted by the House. The Chair will then recognize longer special orders speeches. The four-hour limitation will be divided between the majority and minority parties. Each party is entitled to reserve its first hour for respective leaderships or their designees. Recognition will alternate initially and subsequently between the parties, regardless of the date the order was granted by the House.

The allocation of time within each party's two-hour period (or shorter period if prorated to end by midnight) is to be determined by a list submitted to the Chair by the respective leaderships. Members may not sign up for any special-order speeches earlier than one week prior to the special order, and additional guidelines may be established for such sign-ups by the respective leaderships.

Pursuant to clause 9(b)(1) of rule I, the television cameras will not pan the Chamber, but a ''crawl'' indicating morning hour or that the House has completed its legislative business and is proceeding with special-order speeches will appear on the screen. Other television camera adaptations during this period may be announced by the Chair.

The continuation of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XIV should circumstances so warrant.

5. DECORUM IN DEBATE

The Speaker's policies with respect to decorum in debate announced on January 3, 1991, and January 4, 1995, will apply during the 105th Congress as supplemented by an announcement made by the Speaker earlier today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER, JANUARY 3, 1991

The SPEAKER. It is essential that the dignity of the proceedings of the House be preserved, not only to assure that the House conducts its business in an orderly fashion but to permit Members to properly comprehend and participate in the business of the House. To this end, and in order to permit the Chair to understand and to correctly put the question on the numerous requests that are made by Members, the Chair requests that Members and others who have the privileges of the floor desist from audible conversation in the Chamber while the business of the House is being conducted. The Chair would encourage all Members to review rule XIV to gain a better understanding of the proper rules of decorum expected of them, and especially: First, to avoid ''personalities'' in debate with respect to references to other Members, the Senate, and the President; second, to address the Chair while standing and only when and not beyond the time recognized, and not to address the television or other imagined audience; third; to refrain from passing between the Chair and the Member speaking, or directly in front of a Member speaking from the well; fourth, to refrain from smoking in the Chamber; and generally to display the same degree of respect to the Chair and other Members that every Member is due.

The Speaker's announcement of January 4, 1995, will continue to apply in the 105th Congress as follows:

The Chair would like all Members to be on notice that the Chair intends to strictly enforce the limitations on debate. Furthermore, the Chair has the authority to immediately interrupt Members in debate who transgress rule XIV by failing to avoid ''personalities'' in debate with respect to references to the Senate, the President, and other Members, rather than wait for Members to complete their remarks.

Finally, it is not in order to speak disrespectfully of the Speaker; and under the precedents the sanctions for such violations transcend the ordinary requirements for timeliness of challenges. This separate treatment is recorded in volume 2 of Hinds' Precedents, at section 1248 and was reiterated on January 19, 1995.

6. CONDUCT OF VOTES BY ELECTRONIC DEVICE

The Speaker's policy announced on January 4, 1995, will continue through 105th Congress.

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to enunciate a clear policy with respect to the conduct of electronic votes.

As Members are aware, clause 5 of rule XV provides that Members shall have not less

than 15 minutes in which to answer an ordinary rollcall vote or quorum call The rule obviously establishes 15 minutes as a minimum. Still, with the cooperation of the Members, a vote can easily be completed in that time. The events of October 30, 1991, stand out as proof of this point. On that occasion, the House was considering a bill in the Committee of the Whole under a special rule that placed an overall time limit on the amendment process, including the time consumed by rollcalls. The Chair announced, and then strictly enforced, a policy of closing electronic votes as soon as possible after the guaranteed period of 15 minutes. Members appreciated and cooperated with the Chair's enforcement of the policy on that occasion.

The Chair desires that the example of October 30, 1991, be made the regular practice of the House. To that end, the Chair enlists the assistance of all Members in avoiding the unnecessary loss of time in conducting the business of the House. The Chair encourages all Members to depart for the Chamber promptly upon the appropriate bell and light signal. As in recent Congresses, the cloakrooms should not forward to the Chair requests to hold a vote by electronic device, but should simply apprise inquiring Members of the time remaining on the voting clock.

Although no occupant of the Chamber would prevent a Member who is in the well of the Chamber before the announcement of the result from casting his or her vote, each occupant of the Chair will have the full support of the Speaker in striving to close each electronic vote at the earliest opportunity. Members should not rely on signals relayed from outside the Chamber to assume that votes will be held open until they arrive in the Chamber.

7. USE OF HANDOUTS ON HOUSE FLOOR

The Speaker's policy announced on September 27, 1995, will continue through 105th Congress.

The SPEAKER. A recent misuse of handouts on the floor of the House has been called to the attention of the Chair and the House. At the bipartisan request of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the Chair announces that all handouts distributed on or adjacent to the House floor by Members during House proceedings must bear the name of the Member authorizing their distribution. In addition, the content of those materials must comport with standards of propriety applicable to words spoken in debate or inserted in the Record. Failure to comply with this admonition may constitute a breach of decorum and may give rise to a question of privilege.

The Chair would also remind Members that pursuant to clause 4, rule XXXII, staff are prohibited from engaging in efforts in the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto to influence Members with regard to the legislation being amended. Staff cannot distribute handouts.

In order to enhance the quality of debate in the House, the Chair would ask Members to minimize the use of handouts.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to the provisions of 40 United States Code 175 and 176, the Chair appoints the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT] as Members of the House Office Building Commission to serve with himself.

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS

The Chair announces, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of rule VI, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader jointly appoint Mr. John W. Lainhart, IV, to the position of inspector general for the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A further message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

BIENNIAL REPORT ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1994–95—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with Public Law 103–272, as amended (49 U.S.C. 5121(e)), I transmit herewith the Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for Calendar Years 1994–1995 of the Department of Transportation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, 1995—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 3536, I transmit herewith the 31st Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which covers calendar year 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, 1994 AND 1995—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the requirements of section 657 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95–91; 42 U.S.C. 7267), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Energy, which covers the years 1994 and 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

WAIVER FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit herewith for your immediate consideration and enactment legislation to provide a waiver from certain provisions relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

This draft bill would authorize the President, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Charlene Barshefsky as the United States Trade Representative, notwithstanding any limitations imposed by certain provisions of law. The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 amended the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 regarding the appointment of the United States Trade Representative and the Deputy United States Trade Representatives by imposing certain limitations on their appointment. These limitations only became effective with respect to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative and Deputy United States Trade Representatives on January 1, 1996, and do not apply to individuals who were serving in one of those positions on that date and continue to serve in them. Because Charlene Barshefsky was appointed Deputy United States Trade Representative on May 28, 1993, and has continued to serve in that position since then, the limitations in the Lobbying Disclosure Act, which became effective on January 1, 1996, do not apply to her in her capacity as Deputy United States Trade Representative and it is appropriate that they not apply to her if she is appointed to be the United States Trade Representative.

I have today nominated Charlene Barshefsky to be the next United States Trade Representative. She has done an outstanding job as Deputy United States Trade Representative

since 1993 and as Acting United States Trade Representative for the last 9 months. I am confident she will make an excellent United States Trade Representative. I urge the Congress to take prompt and favorable action on this legislation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. THURMAN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TIME TO SOLVE THE NATION'S PROBLEMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. FOLEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am, in fact, delighted to be the first person to give special orders, and obviously the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] was scheduled to be, but he is presiding in the chair.

I had the great fortune as a freshman Member of the 104th Congress to be the first to deliver a 1-minute speech on this floor. I return to Congress very proud that the members of the 16th District have chosen to ask me to serve them once again in this very high honor in the U.S. Congress.

We had a lot of debate today, a lot of acrimony, a lot of discussion about the future of this Congress and its Speaker. We have concluded that debate with reelecting NEWT GINGRICH, the gentleman from Georgia, as Speaker.

I implore Members on all sides of the aisle, both sides of the aisle, that it is now time to come together, in the spirit of this country, in the pride of this Nation, to start solving our Nation's problems, to start solving our Nation's ills, to focus on things that will make people's lives better rather than focusing on things that will destroy people's individual lives. This Chamber and this Government is bigger than this Member, it is bigger than the Speaker, it is bigger than anybody else's ego. It is about helping Americans help themselves. It is about instilling in our children a knowledge and a wisdom that through hard work, you can overcome any adversity.

But if this Chamber operates much like it did in the 104th Congress, with bitterness and rancor and personal animosity, we will not set an example for the future leaders of this Nation. We will not set an example for children to look up to this body and say, ''I, too, would like to be a leader in the Congress. I, too, would like to serve my community.'' We will denigrate into an embarrassment.

So I ask my fellow Members, from all walks of life, from all localities, to think first about what is good for America, not what is good for the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, what is good for this Nation. A balanced budget, saving our Nation from fiscal crisis. The education of our children, to prepare them for the 21st century, to prepare them with skills that will give them jobs that will allow them to provide for themselves and their families.

To reach beyond partisanship, in a spirit of cooperation, to fight together against crime that threatens every American, crime in our schools, violence against our teachers, crimes in our malls and in our communities that frighten our citizens, regardless whether they be seniors or young adults. To work together on Medicare fraud and abuse, and save our Medicare Program so that we will have a system that ensures that every American will receive Medicare when they grow to the day to need it.

Let us also cause special focus on the illnesses that hurt our American citizens: AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cancer, leukemia, tuberculosis, to name but a few. Sudden infant death syndrome, to name another. If we would use our energies to focus our resources through the National Institutes of Health to try and find cures for these diseases, we will do more for humanity in this Chamber, we will do more for the future of this world and this Nation than any 5-minute speech or any special order or any rancor or debate.

This Nation has given 435 individuals the chance to represent their communities. I know that the Members are up to the task of facing that challenge. I know that each Member, regardless of their party, deeply loves this Nation.

But I also know that if we proceed in the 105th as we did in the 104th with gridlock, acrimony, personal attack, and negativity, that none of the successes will be possible. We will be mired in failure, mired in debate that is nonproductive. So I ask in this first day of the new Congress that we join together to make every citizen proud of the conduct of each individual Member and all Members of this House; that the Democrats join me in working with Speaker GINGRICH, in assuring that the Speakership is respected, that the institution of governance of the House of Representatives is brought to the highest standard, and that we work together for all of the best interests of this Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Oregon [Ms. FURSE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. FURSE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: A HISTORIC DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GEKAS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, we have heard several allusions throughout the day of the nature of the historic event in which we participated, the election of the Speaker of the House for the 105th session. That is more than rhetoric, Mr. Speaker.

Have Members ever heard of the name of Jonathan Dayton? Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey was elected Speaker of the House in the fifth session in 1797. So when we say today's event was historical, we really mean it. It is a repetition of the preservation of our liberties that emanated from the first and second terms of George Washington and the Fifth Congress, which marked his exit from public service, and has run down to today, when we repeated the process in the preservation of those same liberties which they fought so hard to create for us in the first place.

So the message for the day for our constituents is that the election of the Speaker today is a purely political process. When we say ''political process,'' that does not demean it, because many in the world today will say, he is a politician, or he is involved in politics, denoting the worst in humanity. But the preservation of our liberties to which I have made reference, beginning with the First Congress and then reendorsed in the Fifth Congress and here today in the 105th, became part and parcel of our history because of the political process it involves.

So we had the spectacle today of the minority Democrats nominating their favorite son while the Republicans chose to nominate the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. GINGRICH. What happened? Through the political process, GINGRICH has been elected Speaker of the House. We should honor that. It is the duty and right of the majority to select one of its own to lead the agenda for the ensuing Congress, and we have done so. Now it is time to put everything aside and proceed with that very same agenda.

I also want to comment on some other part of the proceedings here today that was very important but very likely accepted by the general public, because we have not made it clear. When we established the rules of the House, and the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER, alluded to it in his prefatory remarks during the debate on the rules, we were reendorsing, reconfirming here today, historically what the 104th Congress under the majority Republicans was able to fashion; and the 104th Congress, one step of which, in which I was personally involved and of which I am very proud, is the elimination of proxy voting in committee.

When I came to the Congress, I had a matter that I wanted to put in front of the Committee on the Judiciary having to do with the death penalty for assassination of the President, God forbid that that should ever occur, and some other features. On the first time that I proposed this to the Committee on the Judiciary, I was outvoted 30 to 15. Fifteen Republicans voted with me, two Democrats voted on the other side. How could I lose 30 to 15? By the use of the chairman at that time of the proxy vote, which he had in hand, and voted his colleagues on the committee no, no, no, against my proposition.

We have eliminated that forever. The Committee on Rules was bright enough to be able to do so. We reendorsed it today.

I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER].

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my friend for his very fine statement. I would say that we did a survey of committee chairmen and others in leadership positions on the impact of proxy voting, to see whether or not they liked it. It has made it, in fact, more difficult, but in trying to get the Congress to comply with the laws that other Americans have to comply with, showing up for work seems to be sort of a natural. We do have that.

But committee chairmen, in the survey that we had that was sent back, overwhelmingly supported the idea of maintaining the elimination of proxy voting. My friend was entirely right on that statement. I thank him for his compliment.

Mr. GEKAS. I thank the gentleman. This is a historic day. Speaker Jonathan Dayton in 1797, the Speaker of the House duly elected by a political process then in the Fifth Congress, would be proud of us if he were here today. We have adopted rules, put our election of committee people into action, and now we are prepared for the work of the people and the agenda of the 105th Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because we are about to begin the work of the people's business and all is not right in the House of the people. All is not right with the person who is supposed to lead the 105th Congress to do the business of the people. There is a cloud hanging over the chair of the Speaker, a cloud that has never existed in the history of this Chamber of the people, a chamber that is constitutionally charged to carry out the sacred business of representative democracy.

And yet, we are asked to carry on the people's business like nothing happened, like we haven't swept anything under the rug, like the faint odor of a political deal is not seeping into this hallowed Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of the time when a fellow Texan, Jim Wright sat up there under similar circumstances. There was a time when a cloud hung over his head, when the position of the Speaker, the chair of the third highest elected representative of the people was called into question.

And, Speaker Jim Wright did the right thing. Speaker Wright did what was good for the House of Representatives and the Nation. He cleared the skies over the speaker's chair. He took himself out of the way of interrupting the legislative course that we now are charged with setting. He didn't wait for the Ethics Committee to find a stain on the Speaker's chair. He knew in his conscience what was best for the country and so does every Member in this body.

Do we really want to begin the 105th Congress with the first mark on the Speaker's chair? I think not and I'm sure all right thinking Members feel the same. Jim Wright knew how to bow out with a sense of class and what a true ''higher ethical standard'' for the Speaker really is.

Do we really want to return to the ''in your face'' style of politics on the very first day of this new Congress? Do we really want to begin a new Congress waiting to see what the Speaker's fate is for his admitted ethical transgressions? Do we really want to be lead by someone who is destined to be disciplined by the 105th Congress?

I respectfully submit that the example of former Speaker Jim Wright is one that needs to be the model for this righteous body. Anything less is an insult to the dignity and the integrity of the office of Speaker.

Mr. Wright acted on behalf of his country and stepped aside, Mr. GINGRICH also knows the right thing to do.

LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Let the Public Decide Campaign Finance Reform Act. Two developments over the last year have demonstrated that for all practical purposes there are no longer any campaign finance rules in this country. One development is the series of court decisions which have resulted in special interest groups being able to get around virtually all limits of existing campaign finance law. They are allowed to do so by engaging in so called independent expenditures or by issuing promotion schemes which maintain the fiction that such groups are not involved in individual campaigns. The second development is the recent series of news stories involving large contributions of so-called soft money to both political parties. The result is that wealthy people and groups can skirt the intention of Congress to limit the amount of influence that wealthy individuals or organizations can have on the political process.

Merely tinkering with existing campaign laws will have no real effect. It will do no good for instance, to pass feel good legislation which would cut the $5,000 limit on contributions by political action committees if companies who finance those political action committees can make indirect expenditures 20 or 30 times as large through other means.

For me, the last election was the last straw on campaign finance. I honestly believe that this problem can only be addressed with a flat out elimination of all private money in general elections. That will eliminate the soft money problem and many of the other spectacles we have seen recently. The legislation I am pushing contains a congressional finding that the existing system has so corrupted public confidence in its own form of government that Congress must take major steps for campaign finance which so far have been blocked by the courts. We are doing so because some constitutional scholars suggest that we may be able to move the Supreme Court to change its mind if Congress makes such a finding. But, if the Supreme Court continues to block the kind of reforms I have in my bill, the bill provides for an immediate consideration by the Congress of a constitutional amendment which would give Congress the authority it needs to regulate campaign spending.

The only way to fundamentally change the current system is to take out all private money from financing general elections. I make no apology for reaching that conclusion. In a democracy, elections are not private events; they are the most public events that occur in our national life. Elections belong to the people and they should be financed that way, not by the well-heeled and well-connected.

The Let the Public Decide Campaign Reform Act would:

Forbid all private funding in general elections. But, the public must understand that political campaign cannot be financed through immaculate conception. Elections would be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals to a Grass Roots Good Citizenship Fund. To raise the necessary funding, the Federal Election Commission would be required to conduct a major national television advertising campaign informing the public of the opportunity to eliminate the influence of interest groups on elections by making voluntary contributions to that fund. Those voluntary contributions would be supplemented by a one-tenth of 1 percent to be paid by all corporations with profits above $10 million.

Eliminate the ''soft money'' loophole, which allows huge amounts of money from wealthy individuals and corporations to go to political parties and benefit congressional candidates.

Establish spending limits on how much congressional candidates can spend, with some flexibility because of the different costs to run for office in different parts of the country.

Allow the American public to determine the amount of money each candidate receives in the general election by basing the amount on the electoral support that the candidate or his preceding party nominees received in that district over the last 5 elections. It would also allow third-party and independent candidates to receive public funding based on their demonstrated public support.

Allow private money to be contributed only to primary elections based on the principle that each political party has its own basic constituencies, and that the parties themselves have a role in deciding how their own nominees are chosen;

Distinguish in primary elections between broad-based ''little people'' PAC's and ''High Roller'' PAC's, and limit contributions from ''High Roller'' PAC's.

Under my bill, the American people themselves would actually be able to decide how much will be spent on congressional campaigns and how much each candidate will receive. Democracy cannot function if American

citizens do not themselves take responsibility for supporting the most public events that occur in this country—our own national elections.

REDUCING THE TAX RATE ON CAPITAL GAINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I have taken out this special order, and as we all saw, I got in the chair before I was able to deliver it, so I am pleased that my friend, the gentleman from Florida, was able to deliver the first special order of the 105th Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken this time out to talk about legislation which I very proudly introduced today with a number of my colleagues. We know that the message that came from last November's election was that the American people want us to put the partisan political pyrotechnics aside and they want us to do a job.

I am very gratified that we saw Democrats and Republicans alike, embrace what for lack of a better term, have to be considered traditional Republican themes. The themes that the President ran on, the themes that Republicans and many Democratic candidates for Congress ran on, were balancing the budget, trying to reduce the size and scope of government, reducing the tax burden on working Americans. Those are the sorts of things that I believe a majority of this institution want to see us deal with.

I think we do have an opportunity to proceed in a bipartisan way. We have gone through an extraordinarily difficult and challenging day, and the next couple of weeks are going to be tough, but I hope and pray that we will be able to put the battles that we have seen in the media over the past couple of weeks behind us and do what I believe the American people want us to do, and that is govern.

I have done what I believe is my bit here on the opening day. I am very pleased that I was able to join with Democrats and Republicans in introducing legislation which will go a long way toward dealing with one of the problems that we have in this country, and that is lack of available capital.

What I have done is introduced a bill which is numbered H.R. 14. It is H.R. 14 because it is going to take the top 28-percent rate on capital gains and reduce that to 14 percent as a top rate.

In years past we have heard this rhetoric that reducing the tax on capital gains is nothing but a tax cut for the rich. But I was gratified that in the Presidential campaign, Bill Clinton talked about reducing the tax rate on capital gains for homeowners. He wanted to target it. I happen to believe very strongly that rather than targeting it, we should allow the American people to make a determination as to exactly which capital asset they have that they want to sell and have a lower rate on capital gains for. I want them to be able to make that decision themselves.

In the past we have heard that there is a tremendous cost to reducing the tax rate on capital gains. The fact of the matter is we have, with this bill, done a great deal of study on it. It is not only a theoretical study, but it is empirical evidence which has shown, going all the way back to 1921 when Andrew Mellon was Treasury Secretary under President Warren G. Harding, reducing that top rate increases revenues to the Treasury. John F. Kennedy we know did it in the early 1960's, Ronald Reagan did it in the 1980's, and we have a good opportunity to do this today.

What will it create? It will create, I believe, a tremendous flow in revenues to the Treasury. Why? Because there is between $7 trillion and $8 trillion of locked-in capital that is there. People are not willing to sell it because of the punitive tax rate that exists. So, clearly in the first years we would see a great boost.

In 1993, when I assembled the zero capital gains tax caucus, we found over a 7-year period a 15-percent capital gains tax rate would increase the gross domestic product by $1.3 trillion, create 1 million jobs, and generate $220 billion in revenues to the Federal Treasury.

I am convinced that we can do this in a bipartisan way, so much so that of the original cosponsors, there are two Republicans and three Democrats. I am very pleased that my colleague, the gentlewoman from Kansas City, MO, KAREN MCCARTHY, has joined as a lead cosponsor of this; a great member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, PHIL ENGLISH, who is beginning his second term, has joined in this; the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. JIM MORAN, a Democrat, has joined as an original cosponsor; and the leader of the Blue Dogs on this issue is the gentleman from Texas, Mr. RALPH HALL. So we have three Democrats and two Republicans.

While some pundits out there may like to argue that the era of bipartisanship is over, they are wrong, because on the opening day we have begun in a bipartisan way to deal with this very important question of reducing that top rate on capital gains to help middle-income wage earners and all Americans, and those at the bottom end of the spectrum, as we try to get capital into the inner city and other spots which are desperately in need, as Speaker GINGRICH mentioned in his acceptance speech today.

Mr. Speaker, I wish everyone a very happy, prosperous, and healthy 1997.

AMERICA'S POLICIES IN CUBA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] is recognized for 20 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to have this few minutes of conversation about a very important topic on this first day of Congress. Just a couple of days ago, on January 3d of this year, President Clinton announced his decision to suspend for the second time Title III of what is known as the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act, otherwise known as the Helms-Burton law. This is a very significant event, and one which I fear is going to lead to lots more problems rather than solutions with relationships that we have in this western hemisphere, with the United States and Cuba and our allies.

Let me explain this and put it in context. Cuba has been a dictatorship under Fidel Castro for some 37 years. During that time I think the world is fully aware of the many human rights violations this dictator has committed and his regime has committed. I think the world is probably also fully aware that Cuba and Fidel Castro remain only one of two Communist dictatorships left after the fall of the Soviet Union and changes around the world and tendencies towards more democracies, as we have seen in the last decade or so.

It is shameful that we have today, only 90 miles across the ocean from the United States, just 90 miles away, a Communist dictatorship of the nature Fidel Castro runs. We have tried over the years since the failure of the Bay of Pigs, which indeed was tragic and a shameful part of our history, frankly, that we did not support that invasion fully as it should have been supported. We have tried numerous times since then in small, incremental ways, to either oust Fidel Castro or to change his policies. It should be abundantly clear to anyone who has observed this man over the years that he is not about to change his stripes. He is not about to give up his ruthless power. He is not going to do that voluntarily at least.

For those who wish democracy in Cuba, I can only say I hope there is democracy, like you do, but it is wishful thinking if you think it is going to come about as long as Fidel Castro is in power. The only way to see democracy in Cuba and to see our hemisphere Democratic and to have normal relations again with that small Nation state to the south is for Fidel Castro to leave office and for those who supported him for all these years to end that support.

Let me tell the Members the biggest problem facing us in seeing that accomplished in the current time frame. It is not from the Soviet Union. It does not exist anymore. It is not from Russia. It is not from some far-flung place. It is from our allies in Europe and in Canada and in Mexico who supply the currency, who supply the economic support necessary to prop up this regime, either directly through their governments, or more frequently, through companies or business entities that invest in Cuba that are involved

in providing the liquidity and the capital that allow him to continue to exist.

He makes modest changes in how he does business, which have no bearing in reality upon ever becoming truly democratic or allowing a true market system to work, and he is given a reward to do this by the continued open door policies of these allies who pour these dollars in through the businesses that operate there.

In Title III of the law that is known as Helms-Burton that was passed by the last Congress, there was a provision very important to stopping this. That provision stated that an American business or an individual who had been harmed because a business at one time before Castro in Cuba that was American had been confiscated by Castro, confiscated by the Cuban government after the revolution that brought Castro to power, a person, an American situated in this case, either a business or an individual, could sue a company or a business in another nation, Europe or Canada or Mexico or wherever, who did business by investing in and supporting in some way the business entity that had been confiscated that had previously been an American-owned business in Cuba; sue in the courts of the United States for damages, sue in order to be able to recover the lost value of the property that had been confiscated from the companies doing business to allow Cuba to continue to exist by propping up the confiscated property and the business that might have been confiscated, if you will.

What President Clinton has done is succumbed to our allies who have said, oh, this is horrible. You are going to allow our businesses in our countries to be sued for damages by American citizens because they are investing in Cuba and in formerly American property interests in Cuba.

And President Clinton, who has the power under this bill, and I am not at all sure he ought to have it, but he has the power under this bill for every 6-month period to waive these provisions, just on January 3d, a few days ago, January 3d of this year, for the second time since Helms-Burton has been the law, chose to waive it and say we are not going to enforce that at this point in time.

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There can be no lawsuits, no litigation in American courts against foreign corporations, foreign business interests that invest in previously owned American property in Cuba or American interests in Cuba. That is a horrible decision by the President. It is outrageous what he did. It is something that kowtows to the big business interests of our allies and is detrimental to everything that we believe in and to the best interests of our national security and our interests in this hemisphere.

Our interest is in having democracy in Cuba and that can only happen when the noose is tied tightly enough around Castro and the current Cuban regime that he is ousted and that a new government comes into place. The economy of that country is dependent upon these investments and anything we can do to stop the money from flowing and the support from flowing into this government and into its economy is essential and important and critical, not only to the freedom-loving people who want to be free in Cuba, Cuban Americans and Cubans everywhere, but also to America, the United States' national security interest.

I submit that the President has also played a lot of politics with this. He has indicated that while he is only doing it for 6 months that he plans to make this suspension indefinite, that he apparently has no intention of ever letting title III become law and effective and allow these lawsuits to take place. That is not what he indicated when he first signed that bill. There was no indication of that. He said to the Cubans of the world and the Cuban American community in particular, I am signing Helms-Burton, I am proud of it, support me in the next election, support my party in the next election and you will see that I am true to my word and we will tighten the noose around Castro and bring about more democracy.

Oh, I know there are those who are going to say, well, there is some bargaining going on, there is some quid pro quo, there is some progress being made, and so on and so forth.

There is no real progress being made. Castro's playing us for a sucker, if that is the case, and this administration is blind to that fact. You cannot have your cake and eat it, too, Mr. President. You must understand that if we are to end this tyrannical dictatorship south of the United States, only 90 miles off our coast, a true embargo has to be enforced, a true economic embargo. And this provision, this title III provision of the Helms-Burton law allowing Americans to sue in court companies abroad that are doing business and investing in American interests, formerly American interests in Cuba, has to be allowed to go forward. And if it does, then and only then do we have a chance of ousting Castro in some more peaceable manner other than short of some invading force, which none of us are predicting or expecting or advocating.

But we do need to do what we have to do, and I believe, Mr. President, that you have made a very big mistake in this regard, and I think it borders upon hypocrisy for others to say that this is a wonderful piece of legislation and then we are not going to let it go into play and not going to enforce it. That is exactly what some have said.

I hope and pray that my colleagues will join with me in the next few months as we go back and revisit this issue legislatively. If the President is not willing to enforce title III of Helms-Burton and is going to continue to waive it, then I would suggest it is within our power and this Congress should pass a law that says that that provision of title III is no longer eligible for waiver, that it indeed is the law of this land, that Americans who formerly had an interest in Cuba can sue foreign companies investing in those property interests in Cuba, to heck with what the President has to say about it. He should not even have a say at all, if that is the way he is going to act on this proposition.

I would urge my colleagues to examine it. It is a very important ingredient in our foreign policy. We should never have allowed a dictatorship to exist for 37 years of such a vile nature as we have in Castro south of here, just 90 miles off our coast. And there is no reason, no reason to allow our allies and their business interests to continue to prop up that dictatorship with its human rights violations any longer. The time has long since passed to do something about it. Let us act in this Congress to force the hand of this President and to allow American citizens to sue, at the very least to try to bring some pressure that can be legitimately brought on the Cuban regime in addition to enforcing the embargo and whatever else we can do within our powers.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JOHN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FURSE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OBEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEKAS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, on January 9.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JOHN) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. MATSUI.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. KLECZKA.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. VENTO.

Ms. DELAURO.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. MCGOVERN.
Mr. OBEY.
Mr. MILLER of California.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. FILNER.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. DINGELL.
Mr. POSHARD.
Ms. SLAUGHTER.
Ms. KAPTUR.
Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEKAS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. GILMAN in five instances.
Mr. GALLEGLY.
Mr. SOLOMON.
Mr. SHUSTER.
Mr. YOUNG of Alaska in three instances.
Mr. BEREUTER in two instances.
Mr. MCCOLLUM in ten instances.
Mr. CRAPO in two instances.
Mr. HAYWORTH.
Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
Mr. QUINN in two instances.
Mr. EHLERS.
Mr. KING.
Mr. BARTON of Texas.
Mr. ARCHER.
Mrs. KELLY.
Mr. PITTS in two instances.
Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
Mr. RADANOVICH.
Mrs. CUBIN.
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
Mr. GEKAS.
Mrs. ROUKEMA.
Ms. DUNN of Washington.
Mr. CUNNINGHAM in eight instances.
Mr. GOODLING.
Mr. BAKER in two instances.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 9, 1997, at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504; to the Committee on Agriculture.

2. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Change in Quality Control Requirements [Docket No. FV96–981–3FIR] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Maine; Termination of Marketing Order No. 950 [Docket No. FV95–950–1FR] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146; Changes in Terms and Conditions of Indemnification [Docket No. FV96–998–3 FR] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Iowa Marketing Area; Revision of Pool Supply Plant Shipping Percentage [DA–96–11] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption from the Handling Regulation for Single Layer and Two Layer Place Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV96–966–2 IFR] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Relaxation of Pack and Marking Requirements [Docket No. FV96–958–3 FIR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–989–3 IFR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV96–927–2 FIR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Eastern Colorado Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA–96–13] received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California and Imported Olives; Establishment of Limited-Use Olive Grade and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96–932–3 FIR] received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

12. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Reduction of Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96–920–3 IFR] received October 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

13. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Grape and Plum Act; Exemption from Size Regulations for Black Corinth Grapes [Docket No. FV96–35–1 IFR] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

14. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards) [Docket No. FV–95–306] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

15. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts [Docket No. FV96–998–2 FIR] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

16. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Revision of Pack and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96–906–3 FIR] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

17. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–987–1 FIR] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

18. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Walnuts Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–984–1 IFR] received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

19. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Increase in the Minimum Size Requirement [Docket No. FV96–911–1FR] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

20. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Change in Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96–906–2 FR] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

21. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; and Import Regulations (Grapefruit); Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Grapefruit [Docket No. FV96–905–4 IFR] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

22. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Interest and Late Payment Charges on Past Due Assessments [Docket No. FV96–981–4 FR] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

23. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–989–3 FIR] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

24. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in

California; Reduction of Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV–96–920–3 FIR] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

25. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 96–074–1] received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

26. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Importation of Horses from CEM Countries [Docket No. 95–054–2] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

27. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Louisiana [Docket No. 96–043–1] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

28. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Japanese Beetle; Domestic Quarantine and Regulations [Docket No. 95–087–2] received November 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

29. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Licenses, Inspections, Records, and Reports [Docket No. 93–072–2] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

30. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods; Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 95–049–1] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

31. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Exotic Newcastle Disease in Birds and Poultry; Chlamydiosis in Poultry [Docket No. 87–090–3] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

32. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—CEM; Remove Interstate Movement Regulations [Docket No. 96–040–1] received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

33. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; New Mexico [Docket No. 96–045–1] received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

34. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Correction of Trading Records (17 CFR Part 1) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

35. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Report for Commission Interpretation (Appendix A to Part 3 of Commission Regulations) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

36. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Child Support Deduction (RIN: 9584–AB58) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

37. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Simplification of Program Rules (RIN: 0584–AB60) (Amendment No. 364) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

38. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Treatment of Educational and Training Assistance (RIN: 0584–AB93) (Amendment No. 374) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

39. A letter from the Under the Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Stamp Program, Regulatory Review: Alaska, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Demonstration Projects (RIN: 0584–AC14) (Amendment No. 371) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

40. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Food Stamp Program: Certification Provisions of the Mickey Leland Childhood Hunger Relief Act (RIN: 0584–AB76) (Amendment No. 375) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

41. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Monthly Reporting on Reservations Provision of the Food Stamp Program Improvements Act of 1994 (RIN: 0584–AB98) (Amendment No. 365) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

42. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Propiconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (RIN: 2070–AB78) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

43. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid Pesticide Tolerance; Emergency Exemptions [FRL–5575–1] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

44. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [FRL–5574–9] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

45. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Triadimefon; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [FRL–5574–8] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

46. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Metalochlor Pesticide Tolerance; Emergency Exemption For Use on Spinach [FRL–5574–7] November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

47. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Book-entry Procedures for Farm Credit Securities (RIN: 3052–AB73) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

48. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Organization and Functions; Privacy Act Regulations; Organization; Loan Policies and Operations; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; General Provisions; Definitions (RIN: 3052–AB61) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

49. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Accounting and Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3052–AB54) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

50. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Disaster Reserve Assistance Program—received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

51. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1996 Marketing Quotas and Price Support Levels for Fire-Cured (type 21), Fire-Cured (types 22–23), Dark Air-Cured (types 35–36, Virginia Sun-Cured (type 37), Cigar-Filler and Binder (types 42–44 and 53–55), and Cigar-Filler (type 46) tobaccos (RIN: 0560–AE46) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

52. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—1996-Crop Peanuts Amended National Poundage Quota (RIN: 0560–AE45) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

53. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Dairy Indemnity Payment Program [Workplan Number 96–050] (RIN: 0560–AE97) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

54. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0551–AA24) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

55. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Agreements for the Development of Foreign Markets for Agricultural Commodities (RIN: 0551–AA24) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

56. A letter from the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities [7 CFR Part 1499] received December 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

57. A letter from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Clear Title—Protection for Purchasers of Farms Products (RIN: 0580–AA13) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

58. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report of seven new deferrals of budgetary resources, totaling $3.5 billion—received in the U.S. House of Representatives December 5, 1996, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 684(a) (H. Doc. No. 105–15); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

59. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case No. 92–12, which totaled $371,392, occurred when the Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base [AFB], Ogden, UT, improperly used industrial fund facilities monies in excess of the $200,000 statutory limit at the time for minor construction to purchase 12 mobile home trailers for the Utah Test and Training Range, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

60. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation case No. 92–27, which totaled $478,093, occurred in the fiscal year 1987 operation and maintenance [O&M], Air Force appropriation at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

61. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case No. 92–09, which totaled $464,800, occurred at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, when personnel in the 377th Civil Engineering Group improperly used the fiscal year 1987 operation and maintenance [O&M], Air Force appropriation to alter and add to an existing recreation center, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

62. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Air Force violation, case No. 92–11, which totaled $37,779, occurred at the O'Hare International Air Force Reserve Station, Chicago, IL, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

63. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—case No. 95–06, occurred in the research, development test and evaluation [RDT&E] merged account, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

64. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report of two violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Navy violations, case No. 96–03, which totaled $635,060, occurred in the fiscal year 1995 operation and maintenance, Navy [O&M,N] appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

65. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Army violation, case No. 96–05, which totaled $126,193, occurred at a regional contracting office in Brussels, Belgium, when the Procurement Contracting Branch Chief obligated fiscal year 1993 Defense-wide appropriations for severable service contracts to meet requirements properly chargeable to the fiscal year 1994 Defense-wide appropriation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

66. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act—Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, transportation planning, research and development account [TPR&D], appropriations symbol 69X0142, in fiscal year 1994, in the amount of $928,423, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

67. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report certifying that continued production from the naval petroleum reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 1997, is in the national interest, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7422(c)(2)(B); to the Committee on National Security.

68. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Secretary has invoked the authority granted by 41 U.S.C. 3732 to authorize the military departments to incur obligations in excess of available appropriations for clothing, subsistence, forage, fuel, quarters, transportation, or medical and hospital supplies, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 11; to the Committee on National Security.

69. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Secretary's selected acquisition reports [SAR's] for the quarter ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432; to the Committee on National Security.

70. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting notification of the proposed transfer of the battleship ex-*Missouri* (BB–63) to the U.S.S. *Missouri* Memorial Association, Inc., Honolulu, HI, a nonprofit organization, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7308(c); to the Committee on National Security.

71. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Pilot Mentor-Protege Program [DFARS Case 96–D317] received October 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

72. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restructuring Costs/Bonuses [DFARS Case 96–D332] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

73. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foreign Machine Tools and Powered and Non-Powered Valves [DFARS Case 96–D023] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

74. A letter from the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restructing Costs [DFARS Case 96–D334] received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

75. A letter from the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Notice of Termination [DFARS Case 96–D320] received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

76. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Individual Compensation [DFARS Case 96–D330] received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

77. A letter from the Director of Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Five Separate Changes [DOD 6010.8–R] (RIN: 0720–AA26) received December 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

78. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report pursuant to section 242 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on National Security.

79. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 97–2, reporting that it is in the national interest for the Export-Import Bank to make a loan of approximately $383 million to the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b) (2) (D) (ii); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

80. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 97–3, reporting that it is in the national interest for the Export-Import Bank to make a loan of approximately $409 million to the People's Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(2)(D)(ii); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

81. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the 18th monthly report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104–6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

82. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the 19th monthly report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104–6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

83. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control (Regulation Y) [Docket No. R–0936) received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

84. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Consumer Leasing [Regulation M; Docket No. R–0892] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

85. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Review of Restrictions on Director, Officer and Employee Interlocks, Cross-Marketing Activities, and the Purchase and Sale of Financial Assets Between a Section 20 Subsidiary and an Affiliated Bank or Thrift [Docket No. R–0701] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

86. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loans to Executive Officers, Directors, and Principal Shareholders of Member Banks; Loans to Holding Companies and Affiliates [Regulation O; Docket N. R–0939] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

87. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Review of Restrictions on Director, Officer and Employee Interlocks, Cross-Marketing Activities, and the Purchase and Sale of Financial Assets Between a Section 20 Subsidiary and an Affiliated Bank or Thrift [Docket No. R–0701] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

88. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Loan Guarantees for Defense Production [Docket No. R–0928] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

89. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Reimbursement for Providing Financial Records; Recordkeeping Requirements for Certain Financial Records [Docket No. R–0934] received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

90. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Report to the Congress on Funds Availability Schedules and Check Fraud at Depository Institutions''; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

91. A letter from the Under Secretary for Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Reengineering and Reinvention of the Direct Section 502 and 504 Single Family Housing (SFH) Program (RIN: 0575–AB99) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

92. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development; transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining Hearing Procedures [Docket No. FR–4022–F–02] (RIN: 2501–AC19) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

93. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development; transmitting the Department's final rule—Public and Indian Housing Performance Funding System: Incentives [Docket No. FR–4072–I–01] (RIN: 2577–AB65) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

94. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Shelter Plus Care Program; Streamlining [Docket No. FR–4091–F–01] (RIN: 2506–AB86) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

95. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Supportive Housing Program; Streamlining [Docket No. FR–4089–F–01] received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

96. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining the Emergency Shelter Grants Program [Docket No. FR–4088–F–01] (RIN: 2506–AB84) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

97. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Displacement, Relocation Assistance, and Real Property Acquisition for HUD and HUD-Assisted Programs; Streamlining Changes [Docket No. FR–3982–F–01] (RIN: 2501–AC11) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

98. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Opportunities for Youth; Youthbuild Program Streamlining and Amendment of Interim Rule [Docket No. FR–4038–N–02] (RIN: 2506–AB79) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

99. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Consolidated HUD Hearing Procedures for Civil Rights Matters [Docket No. FR–4077–F–01] (RIN: 2501–AC27) Received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

100. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to Regulation X, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act: Withdrawal of Employer-Employee and Computer Loan Origination Systems (CLOs) Exemptions; Notice of Delay of Effectiveness of Rule [Docket No. FR–3638–N–07] (RIN: 2502–AG26) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

101. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Proprietary Data Submitted by the Federal National Mortgage Associate (Fannie Mac) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)—Final Order (FR–1439) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

102. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Combined Income and Rent (FR–3324) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

103. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Development Block Grant Program for States; Community Revitalization Strategy Requirements and Miscellaneous Technical Amendments; (FR–4081) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

104. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Disposition of HUD-Acquired Single Family Property; Streamling (FR–4116) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

105. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining of Part 245 Tenant Participation in Multifamily Housing Projects (FR–4136) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

106. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining the Single Family Components of the Single Family-Multifamily Regulations [Docket No. FR–4112–F–01] (RIN: 2502–AG80) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

107. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to Regulation X, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act Regulation (Withdrawal of Employer-Employee and Computer Loan Origination Systems (CLOs) Exemptions) [Docket No. FR 4148–F–01] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

108. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revised Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens [Docket No. FR–4154–I–01] (RIN: 201–AC36) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

109. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—The Secretary of HUD's Regulation of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac): Book-Entry Procedures [Docket No. FR–4095–I–01] (RIN: 2501–AC35) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

110. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Qatar, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

111. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Uzbekistan, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

112. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

113. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Mexico, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

114. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Assessments (RIN: 3064–xxxx) (12 CFR Part 327) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

115. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Suspension and Exclusion of Contractors and Termination of Contracts (RIN: 3064–AB76) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

116. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk (RIN: 3064–AB64) received

October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

117. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the Affordable Housing Disposition Program which covers the reporting period defined as January 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 102–233, section 616 (105 Stat. 1787); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

118. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities and efforts relation to utilization of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

119. A letter from the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Special Assessments [12 CFR Part 327] (RIN: 3064–AB59) received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

120. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Amendment of Budgets Regulation [No. 96–71] received October 28, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

121. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Revision of Financing Corporation Operations Regulation [No. 96–80] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

122. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Regulations Governing Book-Entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities [No. 96–79] received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

123. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting a copy of the Board's report on rules on home-equity credit under the Truth in Lending Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1613; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

124. A letter from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule—Policy Statement on Payments System Risk; Modified Procedures for Measuring Daylight Overdrafts [Docket No. R–0937] received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

125. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Extensions of Credit to Insiders and Transactions with Affiliates [Docket No. 96–23] (RIN: 1557–AB40) received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

126. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Assessment of Fees; National Banks; District of Columbia Banks [Docket No. 96–27] (RIN: 1557–AB41) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

127. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Leasing [Docket No. 96–28] (RIN: 1557–AB45) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

128. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting the Office's final rule—Rules, Policies, and Procedures for Corporate Activities [Docket No. 96–24] (RIN: 1557–AB27) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

129. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Conflicts of Interest, Corporate Opportunity and Hazard Insurance [No. 96–111] (RIN: 1550–AA89) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

130. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Corporate Governance [No. 96–112] (RIN: 1550–AA87) received November 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

131. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Amendments Implementing Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act [No. 96–113] (RIN: 1550–AB05) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

132. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 2685, H.R. 3074, S. 1675, and S. 1965, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

133. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 3056, H.R. 1791, H.R. 2594, H.R. 3068, H.R. 3118, H.R. 3458, H.R. 3539, H.R. 3871, H.R. 3916, H.R. 4167, H.R. 4168, and S. 1711, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

134. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 543, H.R. 1514, H.R. 1734, H.R. 1823, H.R. 2579, H.R. 3005, H.R. 3159, H.R. 3166, H.R. 3723, H.R. 3815, S. 39, and S. 1973, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

135. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 3452 and H.R. 4283, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

136. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 632, H.R. 3632, S. 1887, H.R. 3910, H.R. 4194, S. 342, S. 1004, S. 1649, S. 2183, and H.R. 1776, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

137. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 2512, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

138. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of S. 640, S. 1505, H.R. 4137, and S. 2078, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

139. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2002 resulting from passage of H.R. 4236, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101 (a) (104 Stat. 1388–582); to the Committee on the Budget.

140. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year (if any) and the budget year provided by H.R. 3610, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101 (a) (104 Stat. 1388–578); to the Committee on the Budget

141. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year (if any) and the budget year provided by H.R. 3666, H.R. 3675, and H.R. 3816, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 13101 (a) (104 Stat. 1388–578); to the Committee on the Budget

142. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report on training and employment programs for program year [PY] 1992 and fiscal year [FY] 1993, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 777a; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

143. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the effectiveness of demonstration projects to address child access problems, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315 note; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

144. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report covering the administration of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act [ERISA] during calendar year 1994, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1143(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

145. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Family Education Loan Program (Due Diligence Requirements) (RIN: 1840–AC35) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

146. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Family Educational Rights and Privacy (RIN: 1880–AA65) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

147. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL Program (Guaranty Agencies—Conflicts of Interest) (RIN: 1840–AC33) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

148. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions

(RIN: 1840–AC39) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

149. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions (RIN: 1840–AC36) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

150. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions; General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Programs, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and Federal Pell Grant Program (RIN: 1840–AC34) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

151. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, Federal Family Education Loan Programs, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Federal Pell Grant Program (RIN: 1840–AC37) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

152. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention (RIN: 1810–AA83) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

153. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Approval, Exhaust Gas Monitoring, and Safety Requirements for the Use of Diesel-Powered Equipment in Underground Coal Mines (RIN: 1219–AA27) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

154. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Occupational Exposure to 1,3-Butadiene (RIN 1218–AA83) received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

155. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—North Carolina State Plan; Final Approval Determination [Docket No. T–031] [29 CFR Part 1952] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

156. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operation Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits (29 CFR Part 4044) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

157. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operation Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Rate for Valuing Benefits (29 CFR Part 4044) received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

158. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operation Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Submission of Reportable Events; Annual Report of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (RIN: 1212–AA80) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

159. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Payment of Premiums; Late Payment Penalty Charges, received December 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

160. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age [29 CFR Part 4044] received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

161. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

162. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans [29 CFR Parts 4011 and 4022] received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

163. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions (RIN: 1840–AC39) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

164. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Family Education Loan Program (Due Diligence Requirements) (RIN: 1840–AC35) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

165. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program (Guaranty Agencies—Conflicts of Interest) (RIN: 1840–AC33) received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

166. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Family Educational Rights and Privacy (RIN: 1880–AA65) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

167. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions; General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Programs, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and Federal Pell Grant Program (RIN: 1840–AC34) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

168. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions (RIN: 1840–AC36) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

169. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, Federal Family Education Loan Programs, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Federal Pell Grant Program (RIN: 1840–AC37) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

170. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the final report on the Department's study of the status of States' systems of core standards and measures of performance for vocational education programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

171. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the biennial report on title III HEA Strengthening Institutions Program and the waivers approval list of schools with significant minority enrollment; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

172. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Implementation of the Statutory Provisions of the Head Start Act, as amended (RIN: 0970–AB55) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

173. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the fourth annual report to Congress on progress in achieving the performance goals referenced in the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 [PDUFA], for the fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g note; to the Committee on Commerce.

174. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a copy of the fiscal years [FY] 1993, 1994, and 1995 Report of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry [ATSDR], pursuant to Public Law 99–499, section 110(10) (100 Stat. 1641); to the Committee on Commerce.

175. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Small Business (Part 1020) received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

176. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Public Telecommunications Facilities Program [Docket No. 960524148–6243–02] (RIN: 0660–AA09) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

177. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a copy of a report entitled ''Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 1995,'' pursuant to Public Law 102–486, section 1605(a); to the Committee on Commerce.

178. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Office of Defense Programs; Personnel Assurance Program; Human Reliability Policies—received October 28, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

179. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adverse Side Effects of Air Bags (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 74–14; Notice 103] (RIN: 2127–AG14) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

180. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Adverse Side Effects of Air Bags Correcting Amendment (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 74–14; Notice 105] (RIN:

2127–AG14) received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

181. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Tennessee FRL–5639–2] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

182. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans, Texas and Louisiana; Revision to the Texas and Louisiana State Implementation Plans Regarding Negative Declarations for Source Categories Subject to Reasonably Available Control Technology [FRL–5629–7] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

183. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL–5638–9] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

184. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Louisiana; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan [FRL–5636–6] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

185. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clear Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan for Montana; Revisions to the Montana Air Pollution Control Program [FRL–5635–6] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

186. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revised Visible Emissions Rules for Allegheny County Pertaining to Blast Furnace Slips [FRL–5635–4] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

187. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ohio: Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program [FRL–5638–1] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

188. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Reclassification; Nevada—Clark County Nonattainment Area; Carbon Monoxide [FRL–5644–8] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

189. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; New York [FRL–5646–7] received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

190. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Control of Air Pollution; Amendments to Emission Requirements Applicable to New Nonroad Compression-Ignition Engines At or Above 37 Kilowatts: Provisions for Replacement Compression-Ignition Engines and the Use of On-Highway Compression-Ignition Engines in Nonroad Vehicles [FRL–5645–4] received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

191. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Connecticut [FRL–5611–5] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

192. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Arizona Redesignation of the Yavapai-Apache Reservation to a PSD Class I Area [FRL–5634–4] received October 28, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

193. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Glenn County and Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control Districts [FRL–5610–9] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

194. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [FRL–5640–8] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

195. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Attainment Extension for the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Carbon Monoxide Nonattainment Area [FRL–5643–2] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

196. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District [FRL–5640–2] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

197. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [FRL–5615–6] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

198. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Petition by Guam for Exemption from Anti-Dumping and Detergent Additization Requirements for Conventional Gasoline [FRL–5636–2] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

199. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District [FRL–5633–8] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

200. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes of Ozone-Depleting Substances [FRL–5635–9] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

201. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction [FRL–5634–9] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

202. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities and Hazardous Waste Generators; Organic Air Emission Standards for Tanks, Surface Impoundments, and Containers [FRL–5634–4] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

203. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Direct Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Pinal County Air Quality Control District, Arizona [FRL–5642–1] received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

204. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, Texas; Control of Sulfuric Acid Mist Emissions from Existing Sulfuric Acid Production Plants and Total Reduced Sulfur from Existing Kraft Pulp Mills [FRL–5629–5] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

205. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Condition Special Exemption from Requirements of the Clean Air for the Territory of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Territory of Guam [FRL–5645–1] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

206. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District [FRL–5642–8] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

207. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [FRL–5613–4] received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

208. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for Massachusetts [FRL–5617–2] received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

209. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District [FRL–5641–5] received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

210. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [FRL–5641–7] received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

211. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Title V, Section 507, Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program; New Jersey and the U.S. Virgin Islands [FRL–5637–8] received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

212. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Rhode Island [FRL–5608–1] received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

213. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Control Strategy: Ozone; Tennessee [FRL–5637–1] received October 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

214. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan for Air Quality Planning Purposes for the State of Washington; Carbon Monoxide [FRL–4637–3] received October 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

215. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration: NO2 and PM–10 Increments [FRL–5619–8] received October 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

216. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Stage II Vapor Recovery [FRL–5620–1] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

217. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans State: Approval of Revisions to the Knox County Portion of the State of Tennessee's State Implementation Plan (SIP) [FRL–5619–6] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

218. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD); Louisiana and New Mexico [FRL–5612–7] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

219. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Amendment to Massachusetts' SIP (for Ozone and Carbon Monoxide) for Establishment of a South Boston Parking Freeze [FRL–5613–3] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

220. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revised Carbon Monoxide (CO) Standard for Class I and II Nonhandled New Nonroad Phase I Small Spark-Ignition Engines [FRL–5650–6] received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

221. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Use of Alternative Analytical Test Methods in the Reformulated Gasoline Program [FRL–5650–5] received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

222. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia: Approval of MP–10 Implementation Plan for the Follansbee Area [FRL–5649–5] received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

223. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's ''Major'' final rule—Financial Assurance Mechanisms for Local Government Owners and Operators of Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facilities [FRL–5654–3] received November 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

224. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Florida: Approval of Revisions to Florida Regulations [FRL–5640–4] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

225. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana [FRL–5647–9] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

226. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act, Section 507, Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program for the States of North Dakota, Utah, Colorado and Montana [FRL–5282–1] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

227. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; SO2: New Manchester-Grant Magisterial District, Hancock County Implementation Plan [FRL–5644–2] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

228. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana [FRL–5648–7] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

229. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Full Approval of Operating Permits Program; the State of New Mexico and Albuquerque/Bernalillo County [FRL–5654–8] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

230. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland 1990 Base Year Emission Inventory; Correction [FRL–5650–8] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

231. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Designation of Areas of Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nebraska [FRL–5655–6] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

232. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Withdrawl from Federal Regulations of Human Health Water Quality Criteria Applicable to Idaho [FRL–5656–7] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

233. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a copy of the Interim Final Report to Congress on the study of hazardous air pollutant [HAP] emissions from electric utility steam generating units; to the Committee on Commerce.

234. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Toxic Substances Control Act [TSCA] Report for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2629; to the Committee on Commerce.

235. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Acid Rain Program; Continuous Emission Monitoring Rule Technical Revisions [FRL–5650–7] (RIN: 2060–AF58) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

236. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Minor Revisions [FRL–5651–3] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

237. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Extension of Interim Revisited Durability Procedures for Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks [FRL–5651–2] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

238. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservations; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; Primacy Program Approval [FRL–5629–4] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

239. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Wisconsin; Final Full Program Determination of Adequacy of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program [FRL–5651–7] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

240. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances [FRL–4964–3] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)A); to the Committee on Commerce.

241. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities and Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating) Operations [AD–FRL–5601–7] (RIN–2060–AE02, 2060–AD98) received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

242. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval, Operating Permits Program; State of Alaska and Clean Air Act Final Approval in Part and Disapproval in Part, Section 112(1) Program Submittal; State of Alaska [AD–FRL–5658–4] received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): to the Committee on Commerce.

243. A letter from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Reconsideration of the Ban on Fire Extinguishers [FRL–5658–7] (RIN: 2060–AG19) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

244. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and Other Processes Subject to the Negotiated Regulation for Equipment Leaks; Rule Clarifications [AD–FRL–5658–5] (RIN: 2060–AC19) received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

245. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's ''Major'' final rule—Nitrogen Oxides Emission Reduction Program [AD–FRL–5666–1] (RIN: 2060–AF48) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

246. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations (Memphis, Tennessee) [MM Docket No. 96–16] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

247. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace; Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended [CC Docket No. 96–61] received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

248. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Kiowa, Kansas) [MM Docket No. 96-65; RM–8773] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

249. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Parts 2, 25, and 90 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate the 13.75–14.0 GHz Band to the Fixed-Satellite Service [ET Docket No. 96–20] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

250. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Temecula, California) [MM Docket No. 95–81; RM–8649] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

251. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania) [MM Docket No. 96–75] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

252. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wittenberg, Wisconsin) [MM Docket No. 96–31; RM–8761] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

253. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wilson Creek, Washington and Pendleton, Oregon) [MM Docket No. 95–163; RM–8715] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce. January 7, 1997.

254. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations (Woodward, Oklahoma) [MM Docket No. 96–44; RM–8745] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

255. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations (Waverly, New York and Altoona, Pennsylvania) [MM Docket No. 96–11; RM–8742] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

256. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Shell Knob, Missouri) [MM Docket No. 96–138; RM–8822] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

257. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Salem and Cherokee Village, Arkansas) [MM Docket No. 96–4; RM 8733] received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

258. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 96–98]; Interconnection between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers [CC Docket No. 95–185] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

259. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tehachapi, California) [MM Docket No. 96–129; RM–8814] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

260. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Romney, West Virginia) [MM Docket No. 94–137; RM–8532] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

261. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Princeville, Hawaii) [MM Docket No. 96–52; RM–8755] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

262. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202 (b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Stamping Ground and Nicholasville, Kentucky) [MM Docket No. 95–28; RM–8593; Rm–8696] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

263. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hemphill, Texas) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

264. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Allocation of Spectrum Below 5 GHz Transferred from Federal Government Use (ET Docket No. 94–32] received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

265. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding [PP Docket No. 95–253] received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

266. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment

of Parts 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 80, 87, 90, 100, and 101 of the Commission's Rules To Implement Section 403(k) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Citizenship Requirements) (FCC 96–396) received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

267. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding (PP Docket No. 93–253]; Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for the Filing and Processing of Applications for Unserved Areas in the Cellular Service and to Modify Other Cellular Rates [CC Docket No. 90–6] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

268. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Filing Requirements [CC Docket No. 96–23] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

269. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 [CC Docket No. 96–128]; Policies and Rules Concerning Operator Service Access and Pay Telephone Compensation [CC Docket No. 91–35]; Petition of the Public Telephone Council to Treat Bell Operating Company Payphones as Customer Premises Equipment; Petition of Oncor Communications Requesting Compensation for Competitive Payphone Premises Owners and Presubscribed Operator Services Providers; Petition of the California Payphone Association to Amend and Clarify Section 68.2(a) of the Commission's Rules; Amendment of Section 69.2 (m) and (ee) of the Commission's Rules to, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

270. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Batesville, Arkansas) [MM Docket No. 96–153; RM–8804] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

271. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Clifton, Tennessee) [MM Docket No. 96–163; RM–8841] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

272. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (El Dorado, Arkansas) [MM Docket No. 96–131; RM–8810] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

273. A letter from the Managing Director, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Limon, Colorado) [MM Docket No. 96–156; RM–8840] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

274. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Pontotoc, Winona, Coffeeville and Rienzi, Mississippi, and Bolivar, Middleton, Selmer and Ramer, Tennessee) [MM Docket No. 91–152; RM–7085; RM–7092; RM–7225; RM–7352; RM–7437; RM–7714; RM–7845; RM–7846; RM–7847] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

275. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ukiah, California) [MM Docket No. 96–9; RM–8736] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

276. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Keaau, Hawaii) [MM Docket No. 96–155; RM–8828] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

277. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Parts 80 and 87 of the Commission's Rules to Permit Operation of Certain Domestic Ship and Aircraft Radio Stations Without Individual Licenses [WT Docket No. 96–82] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

278. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—In the Matter of Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding (Tenth Report and Order) [FCC 96–447, PP Docket No. 93–253] received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

279. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the report to Congress for 1994 pursuant to the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1337(b); to the Committee on Commerce.

280. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims (16 CFR Part 260) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

281. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Guides for Select Leather and Imitation Leather Products (16 CFR Part 24) received October 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

282. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (''Appliance Labeling Rule'') (16 CFR Part 305) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

283. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Deceptive Advertising and Labeling of Previously Used Lubricating Oil (16 CFR Part 406) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

284. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Recision of the Guides for the Mirror Industry (16 CFR Part 21) received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

285. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Protection of Human Subjects; Informed Consent Verification [Docket No. 95N–0359] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

286. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Extralabel Drug Use in Animals [Docket No. 96N–0081] (RIN: 0910–AA47) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

287. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Prominence of Name of Distributor of Biological Products [Docket No. 95N–0295] received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

288. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Humanitarian Use Devices; Stay of Effective Date of Information Collection Requirements [Docket No. 91N–0404] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

289. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Topical Antimicrobial Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Amendment of Final Monograph for OTC First Aid Antibiotic Drug Products [Docket No. 95N–0062] (RIN: 0910–AA01) received November 20, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

290. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Over-the-Counter Drug Products Intended for Oral Ingestion that Contain Alcohol; Amendment of Final Rule [Docket No. 95N–0341] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

291. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Lowfat and Skim Milk Products, Lowfat and Nonfat Yogurt Products, Lowfat Cottage Cheese: Revocation of Standards of Identify; Food Labeling, Nutrient Content Claims for Fat, Fatty Acids, and Cholesterol Content of Foods [Docket Nos. 95P–0125, 95P–0250, 95P–0261, and 95P–0293] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

292. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Device Recall Authority [Docket No. 93N–0260] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

293. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Medical Devices; Reclassification of Acupuncture Needles for the Practice of Acupuncture [Docket No. 94P–0443] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

294. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Policy and Procedure for Enforcement Actions; Departures from FSAR [NUREG–1600] received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

295. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision to the NRC Enforcement Manual [NUREG/BR–0195, Rev. 1] received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

296. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories; Design Basis Events [10 CFR Part 60] (RIN: 3150–AD51) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

297. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Reactor Site Criteria Including Seismic and Earthquake Engineering Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Denial of Petition from Free Environment [10 CFR Parts 21, 50, 52, 54, and 100] (RIN: 3150–AD93) received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

298. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act [10 CFR Part 20] (RIN: 3150–AF31) received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

299. A letter from the Director of Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—General Statement of Policy and Procedure for Enforcement Actions; Policy Statement—received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

300. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on the nondisclosure of safeguards information for the quarter ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2167(e); to the Committee on Commerce.

301. A letter from the Director of Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Constraint on Releases of Airborne Radioactive Materials to the Environment for Licensees Other than Power Reactors [Regulatory Guide 4.20] received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

302. A letter from the Director of Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Environmental Review for Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses [10 CFR Part 51] (RIN: 3150–AD63) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801 (a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

303. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's final rule—Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions [Docket No. 96–25] (RIN: 1557–AB42) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

304. A letter from the Administrator, Public Health Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grants for Nurse Practioner and Nurse Midwifery Programs (RIN: 0906–AA40) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(A)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

305. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's 35th quarterly report to Congress on the status of Exxon and Stripper Well oil overcharge funds as of June 30, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce.

306. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Devices: Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMP) Final Rule; Quality System Regulation [Docket No. 90N–0172] (RIN: 0910–AA09) received October 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

307. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicaid Program; Final Limitations on Aggregate Payments to Disproportionate Share Hospitals: Federal Fiscal Year 1996 [MB–100–N] (RIN: 0938–AH44) received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(a)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

308. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Additional Requirements for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents (RIN: 0905–AE70) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

309. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the effectiveness of childhood lead poisoning prevention activities under the Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988; to the Committee on Commerce.

310. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Periodic Reporting of Unregistered Equity Sales (RIN: 3235–AG47) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

311. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Streamlining Disclosure Requirements Relating to Significant Business Acquisitions (RIN: 3235–AG47) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

312. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Custody of Investment Company Assets with Futures Commission Merchants and Commodity Clearing Organizations [Release No. IC–22389; File No. S7–15–94] (RIN: 3235–AF97) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

313. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Air Force's proposed lease of defense articles to Australia (Transmittal No. 02–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

314. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Army's proposed lease of defense articles to Norway (Transmittal No. 01–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

315. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification of an amendment to the NATO Continuous Acquisition and Life-cycle Support [CALS] Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] (Transmittal No. 19–96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

316. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the quarterly reports in accordance with sections 36(a) and 26(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, the 24 March 1979 report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the seventh report by the Committee on Government Operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1996, 1 July 1996–30 September 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

317. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Germany for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–03), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

318. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Spain for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

319. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to the Netherlands for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–02), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

320. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–06), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

321. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States [TECRO] Transmittal No. 04–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

322. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Transmittal No. 06–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

323. A letter from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting a notice of a transfer of items from the U.S. munitions list to the Commerce control list, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2349aa–2(d)(4)(A)(iii); to the Committee on International Relations.

324. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting an unclassified report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program and on economic conditions in Israel, pursuant to Public Law 102–391, section 601 (106 Stat. 1701); to the Committee on International Relations.

325. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification for Presidential determination regarding the drawdown of defense articles and services for Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Uganda, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

326. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and justification to exercise the authority granted him under section 451 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, authorizing assistance to support a cease-fire agreement between the two main Kurd groups in northern Iraq, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2261(a)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

327. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification for fiscal year 1997

that no U.N. agency or U.N. affiliated agency grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization, pursuant to Public Law 103–236, section 102(g) (108 Stat. 389); to the Committee on International Relations.

328. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially to Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC–5–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

329. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 97–8, and the Statement of Justification authorizing the furnishing of assistance from the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the urgent needs of refugees, victims of conflict, and other persons at risk in and from northern Iraq, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(3); to the Committee on International Relations.

330. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Australia (Transmittal No. DTC–4–97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

331. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96–56: Drawdown of Commodities, Services, and Training from the Department of Defense for the Economic Community of West African States' Peacekeeping Force [ECOMOG], Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2348a; to the Committee on International Relations.

332. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 96–55: Determination to Authorize the Furnishing of Non-Lethal Emergency Military Assistance to the States Participating in the Economic Community of West African States' Peacekeeping Force [ECOMOG] under section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

333. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of memorandum of justification for drawdown under section 506(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to support Kurdish evacuees from northern Iraq, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2318(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

334. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the bimonthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, including any relevant reports from the Secretary General of the United Nations, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

335. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond October 21, 1996—Received in the United States House of Representatives October 15, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) (H. Doc. No. 105–4); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

336. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order No. 12978 of October 21, 1995—Received in the United States House of Representatives October 23, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) (H. Doc. No. 105–6); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

337. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the Iran emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 1996—Received in the United States House of Representatives October 30, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) (H. Doc. No. 105–7); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

338. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the status of efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the U.N. Security Council—Received in the United States House of Representatives November 6, 1996, pursuant to Public Law 102–1, section 3 (105 Stat. 4) (H. Doc. No. 105–9); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

339. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (''weapons of mass destruction''—[WMD]) and the means of delivering such weapons is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 1996—Received in the United States House of Representatives November 12, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) (H. Doc. No. 105–10); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

340. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order No. 12170 of November 14, 1979—Received in the United States House of Representatives November 15, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) (H. Doc. No. 105–11); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

341. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting revisions to the provisions that apply to the Department of Commerce in the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR Part 730 et seq.—Received in the United States House of Representatives November 15, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (H. Doc. No. 105–12); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

342. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency declared by Executive Order No. 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979—Received in the United States House of Representatives December 2, 1996, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) and 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) (H. Doc. No. 105–14); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

343. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting a report on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (the ''FRY (S/M'') and the Bosnian Serbs—Received in the United States House of Representatives December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1703(c) (H. Doc. No. 105–16); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

344. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

345. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

346. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

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348. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandom of Justification for Presidential Determination (96–57) regarding the drawdown of defense articles and services from the stocks of DOD for disaster assistance to Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, and the Countries of the Eastern Caribbean Regional Security System [RSS], pursuant to Public Law 101–513, section 547(a) (104 Stat. 2019); to the Committee on International Relations.

349. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

350. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective November 27, 1996, the danger pay rate for all areas in Columbia was designated at the 15 percent level, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

351. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97–05), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

352. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Blocked Persons, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Trained Terrorists, Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers, and Blocked Vessels; Removal of Entry (31 CFR Chapter V) received October 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

353. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Iranian Transactions Regulations (31 CFR Part 560) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

354. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Blocked Persons, Specially Designated Nationals, Specially Designated Terrorists, Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers, and Blocked Vessels; Removal of Specially Designated Nationals of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) (Office of Foreign Assets Control) [31 CFR Chapter V] received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

355. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations: License Exceptions [Docket No. 961122325–6325–01] (RIN: 0694–AB51) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

356. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Licensing of Key Escrow Encryption Equipment and Software {Docket No. 960918265–6296–02] (RIN: 0694–AB09) received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

357. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of U.S. citizen expropriation claims and certain other commercial and investment disputes, pursuant to Public Law 103–236, section 527(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

358. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification and justification of waivers of the prohibition against contracting with firms that comply with the Arab League boycott of the State of Israel and of the prohibition against contracting with firms that discriminate in the award of contracts on the basis of religion, pursuant to Public Law 103–236, section 565(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

359. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report pursuant to section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

360. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Reporting Requirements for Foreign Gifts and Decorations (RIN: 3090–AG14) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

361. A letter from the Chairman, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, transmitting the Board's 1995 annual report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

362. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report to Congress that it is in the national interest of the United States to terminate the suspensions under section 902(a)(3) and section 902(a)(5) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1990 and 1991 insofar as such restrictions pertain to the SINOSAT project; to the Committee on International Relations.

363. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report to Congress that it is in the national interest of the United States to lift the suspensions under section 902(a)(3) and 902(a)(5) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1990 and 1991 insofar as such restrictions pertain to the Chinese FY–1 meteorological satellite; to the Committee on International Relations.

364. A Communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the United States participation in Rowanda and the Great Lakes region of eastern Zaire—received in the United States House of Representatives December 3, 1996 (H. Doc. No. 105–13); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

365. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, transmitting the Commission's annual report entitled ''A New Diplomacy for the Information Age'', pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1469; to the Committee on International Relations.

366. A letter from the Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the White House personnel report for the fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

367. A Communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on the Federal agencies' implementation of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended for the calendar years 1992 and 1993, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

368. A letter from the Commissioner of Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's accountability report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101–410 section 6 (104 Stat. 892); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

369. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the semiannual report of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

370. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General and the Secretary's semiannual report on final action taken on inspector general audits for the period from April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

371. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996 and the semiannual report on inspector general audit reports for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

372. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the semiannual report of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

373. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the semiannual report of the Department's inspector general and the Department of Labor's semiannual management report to Congress covering the period April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

374. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ended September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

375. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–432, ''New Hires Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Teachers Pension Modification Amendment Act of 1996'' received November 6, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

376. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–433, ''BNA Washington Inc., Real Property Tax Deferral Temporary Amendment Act of 1996'' received November 6, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

377. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–415, ''Real Property Tax Rates for Tax Year 1997 Temporary Amendment Act of 1996'' received November 6, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

378. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–414, ''Economic Recovery Conformity Temporary Act of 1996'' received November 6, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

379. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–413, ''Oyster Elementary School Modernization and Development Project Temporary Act of 1996'' received November 6, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

380. A letter form the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–363, ''Modified Reduction-in-Force Temporary Amendment Act of 1996'' received October 4, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

381. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy D.C. Act 11–387, ''Closing of a Public Alley in Square 375, S.O. 95–54, Act of 1996'' received October 4, 1996, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

382. A letter from the Interim Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled ''Excepted Service Employee Failed to Comply With the District's Residency Requirement'', pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47–117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

383. A letter from the Interim District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a copy of a report entitled ''Certification of Fiscal Year 1997 Revenue Estimates in Support of the District of Columbia General Obligation Bonds'' (Series 1996A), pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47–117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

384. A letter from the Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in September 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

385. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting a list of all reports issued or released in October 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

386. A letter from the Chairperson, Appraisal Subcommittee Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's combined annual report under the Inspector General Act and annual statement under the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

387. A letter from the Treasurer, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, transmitting the annual report for the plan year ended 31 December 1993, pursuant to Public Law 95–595; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

388. A letter from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to

the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

389. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (ID #97–002) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

390. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (ID #97–001) received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

391. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (ID #96–007) received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

392. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (ID # 96–0060 received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

393. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions to the Procurement List (ID #97–003) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

394. A letter from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

395. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Board's consolidated report for the year ending September 30, 1996 on the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the results of internal audit and investigative activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

396. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Department Acquisition Regulations (RIN: 2105–AC59) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

397. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistant Authority, transmitting the Authority's revised report to the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 104–8 section 224; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

398. A letter from the Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistant Authority, transmitting the Authority's annual report setting forth the progress made by the District government in meeting the objectives and the assistance provided by the Authority to the District government, pursuant to Public Law 104–8 section 224; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

399. A letter from the Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistant Authority, transmitting notification that the Authority has approved several resolutions and orders, as well as a recommendation, concerning the operation and management of the District of Columbia Public Schools; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

400. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Bank's report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

401. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Release of Information [BOP–1015–F] (RIN: 1120–AA21) received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

402. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Privacy Act Regulations (RIN: 3064–AB80) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

403. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general covering the 6-month period ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b): to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

404. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

405. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

406. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Correction of Administrative Errors (5 CFR Part 1605) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

407. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Thrift Savings Plan Participation for Certain Employees of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Authority (5 CFR Part 1620) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

408. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Allocation of Earnings (5 CFR Part 1645) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

409. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Definition of Basic Pay; Thrift Savings Plan Loans (5 CFR Parts 1600, 1620, and 1655) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

410. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's report in accordance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

411. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

412. A letter from the Vice President and Treasurer, Financial Partners, Inc., transmitting the annual report of the group retirement plan for the Agricultural Credit Associations and the Farm Credit Banks in the First Farm Credit District, covering the plan year January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

413. A letter from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General for the 6-month period ending September 30, 1996, and the management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

414. A letter from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

415. A letter from the Executive Director, Japan-United States Friendship Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2904(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

416. A letter from the Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, transmitting the Commission's report for fiscal year 1996 under both the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

417. A letter from the Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5 (b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

418. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's semiannual report on the activities of the inspector general for April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

419. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the semiannual report of the inspector general and the semiannual report on final action for the National Endowment for the Arts, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

420. A letter from the President, National Endowment for Democracy, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

421. A letter from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting the fiscal year 1995 annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act [FMFIA] of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

422. A letter from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General for the

period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

423. A letter from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting the Board's semiannual report from the inspector general covering the activities of her office for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

424. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the consolidated report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

425. A letter from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's annual report under the Inspector General Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

426. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting the Board's consolidated report under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

427. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the consolidated annual report of the Office of Government Ethics covering the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Federal Financial Managers' Integrity Act of 1982, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

428. A letter from the Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report on audit and investigative activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

429. A letter from the Deputy Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report on audit and investigative activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

430. A letter from the Deputy Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting the annual report on audit and investigative activities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

431. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled ''Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 1997.'' pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3504(e)(2); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

432. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Retirement, Health, and Life Insurance Coverage for DC Financial Control Authority Employees (RIN: 3206–AG78) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

433. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Partnership Pilot Project (RIN: 3206–AH56) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

434. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Family and Medical Leave [5 CFR Parts 630 and 890] (RIN 3206–AH10) received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

435. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting notification that OPM has approved the final plan for a personnel management demonstration project for the Department of the Air Force, submitted by the Department of Defense, pursuant to Public Law 103–337, section 342(b) (108 Stat. 2721); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

436. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period of April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the management response for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

437. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting notification of a proposed OPM demonstration project—pay for applied skills system, Department of Veterans Affairs [VA]; notice, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4703(b)(4)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

438. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report on any benefit changes that will have a significant impact on a broad segment of the enrollees in the FEHB program; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

439. A letter from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 reports of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel required by the Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

440. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's eight annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

441. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General covering April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the management report on financial action on audits with disallowed costs for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

442. A letter from the Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report in accordance with the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

443. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's annual report on the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3810; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

444. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting notification that it is in the public interest to award a contract to ABT Associates, Inc., to provide technical assistance to HUD and the Camden Partnership in the administration of HUD-funded community development, HOME, and homeless shelter programs, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

445. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

446. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

447. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the inspector general together with the management response, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

448. A letter from the Director, Selective Service System, transmitting the annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

449. A letter from the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, and the management response for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

450. A letter from the Executive Director, State Justice Institute, transmitting the Institute's annual report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

451. A letter from the Director, The Morris K. Udall Foundation, transmitting the annual report for the year ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

452. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 1996 and the statutorily required management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

453. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board's annual report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

454. A letter from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's annual report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

455. A letter from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's annual report on its compliance with the Inspector General Act of 1978 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

456. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

457. A letter from the Acting Museum Director, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting the consolidated report on accountability and proper management of Federal resources as required by the Inspector

General Act and the Federal Financial Manager's Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

458. A letter from the Director, U.S. Information Agency, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 1996, through September 30, 1996, also the management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

459. A letter from the Inspector General U.S. Information Agency, transmitting activities of the inspector general, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

460. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's semiannual report on the activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

461. A letter from the Director, Woodrow Wilson Center, transmitting the Center's annual report for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

462. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting the annual report of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 163; to the Committee on House Oversight.

463. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicaid Administration for Children and Families (45 CFR Part 205.50); Aid to families with Dependent Children (RIN: 0970–AB32) received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Oversight.

464. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture, transmitting notification of the intention to accept a 90-acre land donation to be added to wilderness areas, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1135(a); to the Committee on Resources.

465. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, transmitting a proposed plan for the use and distribution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's (Tribe) judgment funds in Docket 22–H, before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1402(a) and 1404; to the Committee on Resources.

466. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Park System Units in Alaska (National Park Service) (RIN: 1024–AC19) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

467. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Plants, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of California Condors in Northern Arizona (Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018–AD62) received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

468. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (RIN: 1010–AC03) received November 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

469. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Outer Continental Shelf Lease Terms (RIN: 1010–AC15) received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

470. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Allow Lessees More Flexibility in Keeping Leases in Force Beyond Their Primary Term (RIN: 1010–AC07) received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

471. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grazing Administration, Exclusive of Alaska; Development and Completion of Standards and Guidelines; Implementation of Fallback Standards and Guidelines [WO–330–1020–00–24–1A] (RIN: 1004–AB89) received November 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

472. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Acreage Limitation and Water Conservation Rules and Regulations (Bureau of Reclamation) (RIN: 1006–AA32) received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

473. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting the Department's final rule—Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality [Docket No. FR–2206–F–03] (RIN: 2501–AA30) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

474. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing of the Central California Coast Coho Salmon as Threatened in California (RIN: 1018–AE05) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

475. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Species; Threatened Status for Central California Coast Coho Salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) [Docket No. 950407093–6298–03; I.D. 012595A] received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

476. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Reductions [Docket No. 951227306–5306–01; I.D. 102996A] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

477. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 093096D] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

478. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Nontrawl Sablefish Mop-Up Fishery [Docket No. 951227306–5306–01; I.D. 092596B] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

479. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 081696B] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

480. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Fisheries Research Plan; Interim Groundfish Observer Program [Docket No. 960717195–6280–02; I.D. 070196E] (RIN: 0648–AI95) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

481. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 19 [Docket No. 961021289–6289–01; I.D. 100196C] (RIN: 0648–AJ26) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

482. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Northwest Emergency Assistance Plan—Washington Salmon License Buy Out [Docket No. 960412111–6297–04; I.D. 102396C] received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

483. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 102596A] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

484. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 8 to the Summer Flounder and Scup Fishery Management Plan; Resubmission of Disapproved Measures [Docket No. 960520141–6277–04; I.D. 073096D] (RIN: 0648–AH05) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

485. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 093096A] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

486. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 100196B] received October 8, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

487. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Adjustments [I.D. 100296D] received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

488. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 093096B] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

489. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Disaster Program; Revisions [Docket No. 960322092–6284–03; I.D. 100796A] (RIN: 0648–ZA19) received October 28, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

490. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear Rockfish Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 100796C] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

491. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 100496B] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

492. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 101896A] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

493. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the Commercial Red Snapper Component [Docket No. 960807218–6244–02; I.D. 100296E] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

494. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 100296H] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

495. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fraser River Sockeye and Pink Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Orders [I.D. 101696A] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

496. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Pacific Ocean Perch and ''Other Red Rockfish'' in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 100296G] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

497. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inshore Component of Pollock in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 101596F] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

498. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Offshore Component of Pollock in the Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 101696B] received October 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

499. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 9 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan [Docket No. 960805216–6307–03; I.D. 071596E] (RIN: 0648–AH06) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

500. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Monkfish Exempted Trawl Fishery [Docket No. 961008281–6281–01; I.D. 091896B] (RIN: 0648–AJ25) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

501. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Interim 1997 Harvest Specifications [Docket No. 961126333–6333–01; ID 110496A] (RIN: 0648–XX73) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

502. A letter from the Director, Office of sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01, ID 120296A] received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

503. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marines Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Scallop Fishery Off Alaska; Shelikof District Registration Area K [Docket No. 960129018–6018–01; I.D. 102996B] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

504. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marines Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 110896C] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

505. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marines Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Tanner Crab Bycatch Allowances for Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 110186A] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

506. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marines Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 960129019–6019–01; I.D. 110496B] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

507. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marines Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Scallop Fishery; Closure in Registration Area M [Docket No. 960502124–6190–02; I.D. 103196D] received November 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

508. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Announcement of Graduate Research Fellowships in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System for Fiscal Year 1997 [Docket No. 960910251–6251–01] RIN: 0648–ZA24) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

509. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Interim 1997 Harvest Specifications [Docket No. 961114318–6318–01; ID 110496A] (RIN: 0648–XX71) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

510. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Scallop Fishery; Closure in District 16 of Registration Area D [Docket No. 960502124–6190–02; ID 112796B] received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

511. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Regulation to Prohibit the Attraction of White Sharks in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary [Docket No. 950222055–6228–03] (RIN: 0648–AH92) received December 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

512. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Trawl Closure to Protect Red King Crab [Docket No. 9608–30240–6338–02; ID 082796A] (RIN: 0648–AH28) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

513. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Queen Conch Resources of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; Initial Regulations [Docket No. 960919266–6336–02; ID 082096D] (RIN: 0648–AD91) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

514. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 12 [Docket No.

950810206–6288–06; ID 070296D] (RIN: 0648–AG29) received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

515. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Indiana Regulatory Program [IN–119–FOR; State Amendment No. 94–5] received October 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

516. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Ohio Regulatory Program [OH–237; Amendment No. 71] received October 23, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

517. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, transmitting the Office's final rule—Colorado Regulatory Program [SPATS No. CO–030–FOR] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

518. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Kentucky Regulatory Program [KY–208–FOR] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

519. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Oklahoma Regulatory Program [SPATS No. OK–019–FOR] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

520. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Texas Regulatory Program [SPATS No. TX–031–FOR] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

521. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''Historic Rationale, Effectiveness and Biological Efficiency of Existing Regulations for the U.S. Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries.'', pursuant to section 310 of Public Law 104–43, the Fisheries Act of 1995; to the Committee on Resources.

522. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the report on the administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act covering the calendar year 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 621; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

523. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Rules of Practice for Hearings [Docket No. R–0938] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

524. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Implementation of Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 With Respect to the Civil Penalties Provision of the Alcohol Beverage Labeling Act of 1988 (96R–023P) (RIN: 1512–AB62) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

525. A letter from the Chair, Commission on Child and Family Welfare, transmitting a copy of the final report of the Commission on Child and Family Welfare, pursuant to Public Law 102–521, section 5(i) (106 Stat. 3407); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

526. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation (17 CFR Part 143) received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

527. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Cuban Assets Control Regulations, Iranian Assets Control Regulations, Libyan Sanctions Regulations, Iranian Transactions Regulations, Iraqi Sanctions Regulations; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-Controlled Areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations, UNITA (Angola) Sanctions Regulations, Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, Implementation of Section 4 of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 CFR Parts 500, 515, 535, 550, 560, 575, 585, 590 and 595) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

528. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalties; Adjustment for Inflation [Docket No. 961021291–6291–01] (RIN: 0690–AA27) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

529. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Communications with the Patent and Trademark Office [Docket No. 951006247–6255–02] (RIN: 0651–AA70) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

530. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Redress Provisions for Persons of Japanese Ancestry: Guidelines for Individuals Who Relocated to Japan as Minors During World War II [AG Order No. 2056–96] (RIN: 1190–AA42) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

531. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Grants Program for Indian Tribes [OJP No. 1099] (RIN: 1121–AA41) received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

532. A letter from the Director, Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice, transmitting a report on the programs and activities of the Department's Office of Crime (OVC), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

533. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Visas: Regulations Pertaining to Both Nonimmigrants and Immigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended [Public Notice 2463] received November 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

534. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule—Documentation of Immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended (Bureau of Consular Affairs) [Public Notice 2478] received December 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

535. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Seaway Regulations and Rules: Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty (RIN: 2135–AA09) received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

536. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 2900–AI48) received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

537. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Rules of Practice and Procedure; Adjusting Civil Money Penalties for Inflation (RIN: 3052–AB74) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

538. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Federal Prison Industries (FPI) Inmate Work Programs: Sick Call Status [BOP–1060–F] (RIN: 1120–AA50) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

539. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Incoming Publications: Nudity and Sexual Explicit Material or Information [BOP–1064–I] (RIN: 1120–AA59) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

540. A letter from the Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Unescorted Transfers and Voluntary Surrenders [BOP–1041–F] (RIN: 1120–AA45) received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

541. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Rules of Practice and Procedure (12 CFR Part 308) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

542. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's 17th annual report to Congress pursuant to section 201 of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 18a(j); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

543. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (16 CFR Parts 1, 305, 306, and 460) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

544. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Revocation of Naturalization [INS No. 1634–93] (RIN: 1115–AD45) received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

545. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Establishment of a Dedicated Commuter Lane (DCL) System Costs Fee for Participation in the Port Passenger Accelerated Service (PORTPASS) Program [Docket No. 1794–96] (RIN: 1115–AD82) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

546. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Collection of Fees Under the Dedicated Commuter Lane Program; Port Passenger Accelerated Service (PORTPASS) Program [Docket No. 1675–94] (RIN: 1115–AD82) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

547. A letter from the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Adjustment

of Status to That of Person Admitted for Permanent Residence: Interview [INS Docket No. 1373–95] (RIN: 1115–AD12) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

548. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation (RIN: 3150–AF37) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

549. A letter from the Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Voting Rights Program (RIN: 3206–AH69) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

550. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting the Office's final rule—Changes in Signature and Filing Requirements for Correspondence Filed in the Patent and Trademark Office [Docket No. 961030301–6301–01] (RIN: 0651–AA55) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

551. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and State Health Care Programs and Program Fraud Civil Remedies: Fraud and Abuse; Civil Money Penalties Inflation Adjustments (RIN: 0991–AZ00) received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

552. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts [Release Nos. 33–7361; 34–37912; IC–22310; IA–1596] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

553. A letter from the Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. transmitting the financial audit for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1996, together with the auditor's opinion, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(47) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

554. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting the fourth report on a list of projects which have been authorized, but for which no funds have been obligated during the preceding 10 full fiscal years, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 579a; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

555. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting a report entitled ''Increased Air Traffic over Grand Canyon National Park,'' pursuant to Public Law 102–581, section 134(b) (106 Stat. 4888); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

556. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to modify the Oakland Inner Harbor, CA, navigation project; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

557. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a copy of ''Ramapo River at Oakland, New Jersey Flood Protection Project,'' to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

558. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting the Department's final rule—St. Mary's Falls Canal and Locks, Michigan; Use, Administration, and Navigation (33 CFR Part 207) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

559. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Model 560 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–267–AD, Amdt. 39–9844, AD 96–24–06] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

560. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Using Agency for Restricted Area 2202B (R–2202B), Big Delta, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–30], (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

561. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28739, Amdt. No. 1768] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

562. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28740, Amdt. No. 1769] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

563. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28738, Amdt. No. 1767] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

564. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Groveland, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–AWP–10] received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

565. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives, LITEF GmbH Attitude Heading System (AHRS) Unit Model LCR–92, LCR–92S, and LCR–92H (Federal Aviation Administration) (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

566. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Alteration of VOR Federal Airways; LA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 94–ASW–14] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received October 24, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

567. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Lee's Summit, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ACE–15] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

568. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Hays, KS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ACE–16] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

569. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace, Murrieta/Temecula, CA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–AWP–2] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0161) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

570. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace, Grundy, VA (Federal Aviation Administration) (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0160) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

571. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment of Class E Airspace, Tonopah, NV (Federal Aviation Administration) (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0143) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

572. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Knob Noster, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ACE–17] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0165) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

573. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class E5 Airspace; Hemingway, SC (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ASO–26] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

574. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E2 Airspace, London, KY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ASO)–14] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

575. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Weedsport, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–06] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0171) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

576. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Anvik, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–18] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0170) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

577. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Selawik, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–12] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0169) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

578. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Port Heiden, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–17] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0168) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

579. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Knob Noster, MO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ACE–12] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0167) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

580. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class D and Class E Airspace; Bethel, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–4] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0157) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

581. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Sand Point, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–3] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0156) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

582. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Wrangell, St. Paul Island, Petersburg, and Sika, AK; Establishment of Class E Airspace at Nostak, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–2] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0155) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

583. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Ketchikan, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 95–AAL–4] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0154) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

584. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Cordova, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–8] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0153) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

585. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Buckland, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–5] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0152) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

586. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Cold Bay, Nome, and Tanana, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–9] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0151) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

587. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Wainwright, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–11] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0150) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

588. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Homer, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–13] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0149) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

589. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision of Class E Airspace; Bettles, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–15] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0148) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

590. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9 and DC–9–80 Series Airplanes, and Model MD–88 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–214–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

591. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Beech (Raytheon) Model BAe 125 Series 1000A and Model Hawker 1000 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–167–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

592. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 and 200) Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–208–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

593. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 and A300–600 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 94–NM–222–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

594. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146–100A, –200A and –300A Series Airplanes, and Model Avro 146–RJ70A, –RJ85A, and –RJ100A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) (Docket No. 95–NM–251–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

595. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model Avro 146–RJ70A, –RJ85A, and –RJ100A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–213–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

596. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; HB Aircraft Industries AG Model HB–23 2400 Hobbyliner/Scanliner Sailplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–39–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

597. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–68–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

598. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–10–15 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–24–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

599. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L–1011–385 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–240–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

600. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model HS–748 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–198–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

601. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56–2/–2A/–3/–3B/–3/–5 Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Rules Docket No. 96–ANE–15] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

602. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9–10, –20, –30, –40, and –50 Series Airplanes and C–9 (Military) Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–91–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

603. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R44 Helicopters (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–SW–25–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

604. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777–200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–205–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

605. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd. (formerly Government Aircraft Factory) Models N22B, N24A, and N22S Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–103–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

606. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–251–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

607. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747–200, –300, –400 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 94–NM–226–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

608. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Shorts Model SD3–60 and SD3–SHERPA Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–09–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

609. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Model PC–6 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–85–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

610. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 94–NM–221–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

611. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737–100 and –200 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–06–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

612. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146 Series Airplanes and Model Avro 146–RJ Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–40–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

613. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–232–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

614. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9–80 Series Airplanes and Model MD–88 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–53–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

615. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fairchild Aircraft SA226 and SA227 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CD–40–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

616. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3–60 SHERPA Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–122–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

617. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft PA23, PA31, PA31P, PA31T, and PA42 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration [Docket No. 95–CE–56–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

618. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft PA31, PA31P, PA31T, and PA42 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–84–AD] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

619. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change Using Agency for Restricted Areas 2202 (R–2202), Big Delta, AK; R–2203, Eagle River, AK; R–2205, Yukon, AK; and R–2211, Blair Lakes, AK (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AAL–20] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

620. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change to Restricted Areas R–6714A, E, F, G, and H, Yakima, WA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ANM–16] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

621. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Proceedings (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 27783; Amendment No. 13–27, 16] (RIN: 2120–AF43) received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

622. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Maritime Security Program [Docket No. R–163] (RIN: 2133–AB24) received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

623. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Minors [NHTSA Docket No. 96–007; Notice 2] (RIN: 2127–AG20) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

624. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Electronic Records of Shipping Articles and Certificates of Discharge (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 94–004] (RIN: 2115–AE72) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

625. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Realignment of VOR Federal Airway V–421; CO (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 95–ANM–6] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

626. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28702; Amdt. No. 1757] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

627. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28700; Amdt. No. 1755] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

628. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28727; Amdt. No. 1762] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

629. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28728; Amdt. No. 1763] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

630. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28726; Amdt. No. 1761] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

631. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Type and Number of Passenger Emergency Exits Required in Transport Category Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 26140; Amendment No. 25–88] (RIN: 2120–AC43) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

632. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Protective Breathing Equipment; Correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 27219; Amendment No. 121–261] (RIN: 2120–AD74) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

633. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28676; Amdt. No. 1752]

(RIN: 2120–AA65) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

634. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28698; Amdt. No. 399] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

635. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Incentive Grant Criteria for Drunk Driving Prevention Programs (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 89–02; Notice 9] (RIN: 2127–AD01) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

636. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided To Be Eligible for Importation (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 96–097; Notice 1] (RIN: 2127–AG57) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

637. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Consumer Information Regulations; Fees for Course Monitoring Tires (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 96–88; Notice 1] (RIN: 2127–AG54) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

638. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Railroad Administration Enforcement of the Hazardous Materials Regulations; Penalty Guidelines (RIN: 2130–AB00) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

639. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28715; Amdt. No. 1759] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

640. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28716; Amdt. No. 1760] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

641. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Motor Carrier Transportation; Redesignation of Regulations from the Surface Transportation Board Pursuant to the ICC Termination Act of 1995 (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125–AD96) received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

642. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Iran (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28690; Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 76] (RIN: 2120–AG28) received October 18, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

643. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28714; Amdt. No. 1758] received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

644. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT3D Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 95–ANE–45; Amendment 39–9815; AD 96–23–10] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

645. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–258–AD; Amendment. 39–9817; AD 96–23–12] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

646. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model 4101 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–259–AD; Amendment 39–9816; AD 96–23–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

647. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; de Havilland Model DHC–8–102 and –103 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–163–AD; Amendment No. 39–9822; AD 96–23–17] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

648. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Canadair Model CL–215–1A10 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–82–AD; Amendment No. 39–9819; AD 96–23–13] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

649. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Issuance of Third-Class Airman Medical Certificates to Insulin-Treated Diabetic Airman Applicants (Federal Aviation Administration [Docket No. 26493] (RIN: 2120–AG30) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

650. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Anacostia River, Washington, DC (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD05–081] (RIN: 2115–AE47) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

651. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Crashworthiness Protection Requirements for Tank Cars; Detection and Repair of Cracks, Pits, Corrosion, Lining Flaws, Thermal Protection Flaws and Other Defects of Tank Car Tanks [Docket Nos. HM–175A and HM–201; Amdt. Nos. 171–137, 172–144, 173–245, 179–50, and 180–8] (RIN: 2137–AB89 and 2137–AB40) received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

652. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Air Brake Systems Air Compressor Cut-In [Docket No. 90–3; Notice 7] (RIN: 2127–AF63) received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

653. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regattas and Marine Parades (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 95–054] (RIN: 2115–AF17) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

654. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; San Pedro Bay, CA (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach 96–003] (RIN: 2115–AA97) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 81(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

655. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Searsport Lobster Boat Races, Searsport, ME (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01–96–022] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

656. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations: Christmas Parade of Boats (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–048] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

657. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Houma, LA (U.S. Coast Guard) [COTP Morgan City, LA 96–002] (RIN: 2115–AA97) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

658. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Cerritos Channel, CA (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD11–90–03] (RIN: 2115–AA47) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

659. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Siox City, IA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–ACE–11] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

660. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Penn Yan, N.Y. (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–10] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

661. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revocation of Class D Airspace; Blytheville, AR (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket

No. 96–ASW–29] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

662. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Allowable Carbon Dioxide in Transport Category Airplane Cabins (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 27704, Amdt. No. 25–89] (RIN: 2120–AD47) received December 2, 1996, pursaunt to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

663. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Falsification of Security Records (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28745; Amendment Nos. 107–9 and 108–141] (RIN: 2120–AG27) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

664. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Imperial, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ACE–20] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

665. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Saluda, VA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–08] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0172)) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

666. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Phoenix, Deer Valley Municipal Airport, AS (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AWP–16] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0174)) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

667. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Grand Canyon-Valle Airport, AZ (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 95–AWP–3] (RIN: 2120–AA66) (1996–0173)) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

668. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Dexter, ME, Correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 95–ANE–23] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

669. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Miller, SD, Correction (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–11] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

670. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hazen, ND (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–10] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

671. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tomahawk, WI (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AGL–14] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

672. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of Class E Airspace; Montauk, NY (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96–AEA–09] (RIN: 2120–AA66) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

673. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc, Models AT–250, AT–300, AT–301, AT–302, AT–400, AT–400A, AT–401, AT–402, AT–501, and AT–502 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration [Docket No. 96–CE–49–AD, Amdt. 39–9833, AD 96–24–08] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

674. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), Ltd., Model 1123, 1124, and 1124A Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–173–AD, Amdt. 39–9835, AD 96–24–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

675. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Textron Lycoming Reciprocating Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ANE–31, Amdt. 39–9826, AD 96–23–03] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

676. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR72 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–140–AD, Amdt. 39–9836, AD 96–24–12] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

677. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allison Engine Company Model 250–C47B Turboshaft Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ANE–41, Amdt. 39–9834, AD 96–24–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

678. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–80–AD, Amdt. 39–9827, AD 96–24–01] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

679. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; de Havilland Model DHC–8–100 and –300 Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 93–NM–194–AD, Amdt. 39–9814, AD 96–23–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

680. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747–400 ''Combi'' Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–255–AD, Amdt. 39–9829, AD 96–24–03] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

681. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–261–AD, Amdt. 39–9818, AD 96–23–51] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

682. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Allied Signal Commercial Avionics Systems CAS–81 Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS) as installed, but not Limited to Various Transport Category Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–81–AD, Amdt. 39–9824, AD 95–26–15 R1] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

683. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia Nomad Models N22B, N22S, and N24A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–93–AD, Amdt. 39–9831, AD 96–24–05] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

684. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Aerospace Technologies of Australia, Nomad Models N22B, N22S, and N24A Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–75–AD, Amdt. 39–9830, AD 96–24–04] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

685. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 93–ANE–79, Amdt. 39–9820, AD 96–23–14] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

686. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D–200 Series Turbofan Engines (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–ANE–02, Amdt. 39–9821, AD 96–23–15] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

687. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28735, Amdt. No. 1765] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

688. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28736, Amdt. No. 1766] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

689. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 28734, Amdt. No. 1764] (RIN: 2120–AA65) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

690. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Sunken Vessel *Empire Knight,* Boon Island, Maine (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD01–95–1411] (RIN: 2115–AA97) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

691. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rada Fajardo, East of Villa Marina, Fajardo, PR (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–068] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

692. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Railroad Accident Reporting (Partial Response to Petitions for Reconsideration) (Federal Railroad Administration) [FRA Docket No. RAR–4, Notice No. 14] (RIN: 2130–AA58) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

693. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Railroad Accident Reporting (Adjustment of Dollar Threshold for Reporting Certain Accidents) (Federal Railroad Administration) [FRA Docket No. RAR–4, Notice No. 15] (RIN: 2130–AA58) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

694. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Operational Measures to Reduce Oil Spills from Existing Tank Vessels Without Double Hulls; Partial Suspension of Regulation (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 91–045] (RIN: 2115–AE01) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

695. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Holiday Boat Parade of the Palm Beaches; Palm Beach, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–053] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

696. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Key West Super Boat race; Key West, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–049] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

697. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Donier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–NM–230–AD, Amdt. 39–9828, AD 96–24–02] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

698. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Local Regulations; Continental Airlines Boat Parade; Fort Lauderdale, FL (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD07–96–067] (RIN: 2115–AE46) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

699. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Programs for Chemical Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Vessel Personnel; Implementation of Drug Testing in Foreign Waters (U.S. Coast Guard) [CGD 95–011] (RIN: 2115–AF02) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

700. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Single State Insurance Registration; Receipt Rule; Continued Suspension of Effectiveness (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125–AD92) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

701. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–224–AD, Amdt. 39–9752, AD 96–19–04] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

702. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–25–AD, Amdt. 39–9783, AD 96–21–06] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

703. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146 Series Airplanes and Model Avro 146–RJ Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–41–AD, Amdt. 39–9786, AD 96–21–09] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

704. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Shorts Model SD3–30, –60, and –SHERPA Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–08–AD, Amdt. 39–9784, AD 96–21–07] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

705. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft PA31, PA31P, and PA31T Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 95–CE–45–AD, Amdt. 39–9788, AD 96–21–11] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

706. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3–30 and SD3–SHERPA Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96–NM–07–AD, Amdt. 39–9785, AD 96–21–08] (RIN: 2120–AA64) received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

707. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Coastal Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category [FRL–5648–4] received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

708. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Water Quality Standards for Pennsylvania [FRL–5659–9] (RIN: 2040–AC78) received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

709. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Loan Guarantees for Construction of Treatment Works; Removal of Legally Obsolete Rule [FRL–5658–6] received December 4, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

710. A letter from the Director of Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Interim Guidance on Transportation of Steam Generators [NRC Generic Letter 96–07] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

711. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's second annual report entitled ''Alaska Demonstration Programs''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

712. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Expedited Procedures for Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption and Revocation Proceedings [STB Ex Parte No. 527] received October 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

713. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Expedited Procedures for Processing Rail Rate Reasonableness, Exemption and Revocation Proceedings (November 15, 1996, modifying rules issued October 1, 1996)— [STB Ex Parte No. 527] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

714. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Rail General Exemption Authority—Exemption of Hydraulic Cement [Ex Parte No. 346 (Sub-No. 34)] received December 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

715. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army dated February 27, 1996, submitting a report together with accompanying papers and illustrations—received in the U.S. House of Representatives November 12, 1996, pursuant to section 204 of the 1970 Flood Control Act (Public Law 91–611) (H. Doc. No. 105–17); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

716. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting a

letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army dated February 1, 1996, submitting a report together with accompanying papers and illustrations—received in the U.S. House of Representatives November 21, 1996, pursuant to section 204 of the 1970 Flood Control Act (Public Law 91–611) (H. Doc. No. 105–18); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

717. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the Department's report entitled ''National Implementation Plan For Modernization Of The National Weather Service For Fiscal Year 1997,'' pursuant to Public Law 102–567, section 703(a) (106 Stat. 4304); to the Committee on Science.

718. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting a report entitled ''Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities: 1996'', pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7454(c); to the Committee on Science.

719. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting ''Building the Foundation for a New Century—First Annual Report on Implementation of the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business,'' pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 631 note; to the Committee on Small Business.

720. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Diseases Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents (Prostate Cancer and Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy) (RIN: 2900–AI35) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

721. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Contract Program for Veterans With Alcohol and Drug Dependence Disorders (RIN: 2900–AH77) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

722. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Willful Misconduct (RIN: 2900–AI26) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

723. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Evidence of Dependents and Age (RIN: 2900–AH51) received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

724. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Community Residential Care Program and Contract Program for Veterans With Alcohol and Drug Dependence Disorders (RIN: 2900–AH61) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

725. A letter from the National Adjutant, the Disabled American Veterans, transmitting the report of the proceedings of the organization's 75th National Convention, including their annual audit report of receipts and expenditures as of December 31, 1995—received in the U.S. House of Representatives, November 14, 1996, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 90i and 44 U.S.C. 1332 (H. Doc. No. 105–8); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

726. A letter from the Acting U.S. Trade Representative, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, transmitting the President's determination that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 should no longer apply to Romania and his proclamation of the permanent extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2437(a); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

727. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his determination that Malaysia should be graduated from the GSP program because it is sufficiently advanced in economic development and improved in trade competitiveness, also other determinations—received in the U.S. House of Representatives, October 17, 1996, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2462 (H. Doc. No. 105–5); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

728. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the quarterly report on the expenditure and need for worker adjustment assistance training funds under the Trade Act of 1974, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

729. A letter from the Director, Bureau of the Census, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Collection of Canadian Province of Origin Information on Customs Entry Records [Docket No. 960606162–6293–02] (RIN: 0607–AA21) received November 22, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

730. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Providing More Flexible Program Changes for the State and Local Government Series (SLGS) Securities Program (31 CFR Part 344) received October 28, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

731. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Providing Explicitly For The Recognition of Federal Judicial and Federal Administrative Forfeitures of Series EE and HH United States Savings Bonds (31 CFR Part 353) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

732. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds; Regulations Governing Payments by the Automated Clearing House Method on Account of United States Securities (31 CFR Parts 356 and 370) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

733. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Departments' final rule—Changes in Procedures for the Insular Possessions Watch Program [Docket No. 960508126–6126–01] (RIN: 0625–AA46) (Department of Commerce and Department of the Interior) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

734. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Unemployment Insurance Program (Letters 30–96 and 37–96) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

735. A letter from the Acting U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on recent developments regarding implementation of section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

736. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Work Opportunity Tax Credit—Supplementary Instructions for Form 8850 (Announcement 96–116) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

737. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Magnetic Media Filing Requirements for Information Returns (RIN: 1545–AU08) received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

738. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of gain from the disposition of interest in certain natural resource recapture property by S corporations and their shareholders (RIN: 1545–AM98) received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

739. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters (Rev. Proc. 96–49) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

740. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Indian Tribal Casinos and Reporting Under Title 31 (Notice 96–57) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

741. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, First-out Inventories (Rev. Rul. 96–54) received November 5, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

742. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified State Tuition Programs (Notice 96–58) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

743. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Guidance for qualification as an acceptance agent, and execution of an agreement between an acceptance agent and the Internal Revenue Service relating to the issuance of certain taxpayer identifying numbers (Rev. Proc. 96–52) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

744. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Interim Guidance on Sections 877, 1494, 6039F, and 6048 (Notice 96–60) received November 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

745. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pension Plan Limitations (Notice 96–55) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

746. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified Pension, Profit-Sharing, and Stock Bonus Plans (Rev. Rul. 96–53) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

747. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Closing agreements (Rev. Proc. 96–50) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

748. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 96–52) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

749. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting

the Service's final rule—Transition Relief for SIMPLES (Announcement 96–112) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

750. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Advance Pricing Agreement Revenue Procedure (Revenue Procedure 96–53) received November 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

751. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Deposits of Excise Taxes (RIN: 1545–AT25) received November 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

752. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Developing Interim Requirements for Designated Delivery Services Under Section 7502(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (Announcement 96–108) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)91)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

753. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in Brown Group, Inc. v. Commissioner (77 F.3d 217) received October 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

754. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision in Velinsky v. Commissioner (Dkt. No. 5469–94) received October 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

755. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability (Rev. Proc. 96–51) received November 1, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

756. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update (Notice 96–54) received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

757. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Educational Assistance Programs (Rev. Rul. 96–41) received October 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

758. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Information Reporting for Discharges of Indebtedness: Waiver of Penalties in Certain Circumstances For Foreign Financial Entities [Notice 96–61] received November 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

759. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issue for Property [Revenue Ruling 96–57] received November 21, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

760. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 96–59] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

761. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Logos and Identifying Slogans on Substitute Forms 1099 [Notice 96–62] received November 15, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

762. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Last-in, First-out Inventories (Revenue Ruling 96–60) received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

763. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nondiscrimination Rules for Plans Maintained by Governments and Tax-Exempt Organizations [Notice 96–64] received December 3, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

764. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medical Savings Accounts [Notice 96–53] received December 2, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

765. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate Tax Regulations for a Qualified Domestic Trust [Revenue Procedure 96–54] received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

766. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Requirements to Ensure Collection of Section 2056A Estate Tax [TD 8686] (RIN: 1545–AT64) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

767. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Source of Income from Sales of Inventory and Natural Resources Produced in One Jurisdiction and Sold in Another Jurisdiction [TD 8687] (RIN: 1545–AT92) received November 27, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

768. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Treatment of a Trust as Domestic or Foreign—Changes Made by the Small Business Protection Act [Notice 96–65] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

769. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Taxation of Fringe Benefits [26 CFR 1.61–21] [Revenue Ruling 96–58] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

770. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Low-Income Housing Credit [Revenue Ruling 96–59] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

771. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Cessation of Donor's Dominion and Control [26 CFR 25.2511–2] [Revenue Ruling 96–56] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

772. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and Determination Letters [26 CFR 601.201] [Rev. Proc. 96–55] received December 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

773. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Certain Elections Under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 [TD 8688] (RIN: 1545–AS14) received December 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

774. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Definitions Relating to Application of Exclusion under Section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code [Notice 96–68] received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

775. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Determination of Interest Rate [Rev. Rul. 96–61] received December 10, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

776. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Setting Forth the Inflation Adjusted Items for 1997, Including the Tax Rate Tables, the Standard Deduction, and Several Other Items [Rev. Proc. 96–59] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

777. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Extension of Test of Mediation Procedure for Appeals [Announcement 97–1] received December 12, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

778. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sale of Seized Property [TD 8691] (RIN: 1545–AU13 received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

779. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Reissuance of Mortgage Credit Certificates [TD 8692] (RIN: 1545–AR57) received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

780. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability [Rev. Proc. 96–58] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

781. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Optional Standard Mileage Rates for Employees, Self-Employed Individuals, or Other Taxpayers To Use in Computing the Deductible Costs of Operating a Passenger Automobile for Business, Charitable, Medical, or Moving Expense Purposes [Rev. Proc. 96–63] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

782. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability [Rev. Proc. 96–64] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

783. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and Determination Letters [Rev. Proc. 96–56] received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

784. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Diesel Fuel Excise

Tax; Special Rules for Alaska [TD 8693] (RIN: 1545–AU52) received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

785. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Disclosure of Return Information to the U.S. Custom Service [TD 8694] (RIN: 1545–AS52) received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

786. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Disclosure of Return Information to Procure Property or Services for Tax Administration Purposes [TD 8695] (RIN: 1545–AT48) received December 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

787. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Application of Section 401(a)(9) to Employees who Attain Age 70½ in 1996 [Notice 96–67] received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

788. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations; Requests for Certain Determination Letters and Applications For Recognition of Exemption [Announcement 96–133] received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

789. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Deductability, Substantiation, and Disclosure of Certain Charitable Contributions [TD 8690] (RIN: 1545–AS94) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

790. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report concerning his actions in response to the ITC safeguards investigation of broom-corn brooms, pursuant to section 203(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

791. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing (7 CFR Part 6) received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

792. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 1997 [OACT–054–N] (RIN: 0938–AH08) received November 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

793. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Part A Premium for 1997 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement [OACT–053–N] (RIN: 0938–AH45) received November 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

794. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foster Care Maintenance Payments, Adoption Assistance, Child and Family Services (RIN: 0970–AB34) received December 6, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

795. A letter from the Inspector General, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Civil Monetary Penalties, Assessments and Recommended Exclusions (RIN: 0960–AE23) received April 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

796. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Overpayment Appeal and Waiver Rights (RIN: 0960–AD99) received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

797. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence in the United States (RIN: 0960–AD90) received October 31, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

798. A letter from the National Security Council, transmitting on behalf of the President the report to Congress called for in section 406 of the Department of State and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations.

799. A letter from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2706(a)(1); jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

800. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting notification that the Department has submitted drafts of all nine chapters of the compliance certification application to the Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Public Law 102–579 section 8(d)(1); jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

801. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the Department's annual report to Congress on the fiscal year 1995 program operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs [OWCP], the administration of the Black Lung Benefits Act [BLBA], the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act [LHWCA], and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act for the period October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 30 U.S.C. 936(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

802. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a copy of the Federal Alternative Motor Fuels Program fifth annual report to Congress, July 1996, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6374c; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Science.

803. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's ninth annual report to Congress summarizing the Department's progress during fiscal year 1995 in implementing the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, pursuant to Public Law. 99–499, section 120(e)(5) (100 Stat. 1669); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

804. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 1997 [OACT–052–N] (RIN: 0938–AH42) received October 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

805. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies and Five-Year Review of and Adjustments to the Relative Value Units Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 1997 [BPD–852–FC] (RIN: 0938–AH40) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

806. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's ''Major'' final rule—Medicare Program; Physician Fee Schedule Update for Calendar Year 1997 and Physician volume Performance Standard Rates of Increase for Federal Fiscal Year 1997 [BPD–853–FN] (RIN: 0938–AH41) received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

807. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report on deliveries to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, pursuant to Public Law 104–107, section 540(c) (110 Stat. 736); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

808. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to obligate funds to support United States efforts in Bosnia, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2394–1(a); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

809. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting obligation of funds for additional program proposals for purposes of nonproliferation and disarmament fund activities, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5858; jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

810. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 97–10: Continued Vietnamese Cooperation in Accounting for United States Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

811. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's fiscal year 1998 budget request, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437d(d)(1); jointly, to the Committees on House and Oversight and Appropriations.

812. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting an addendum to the fiscal year 1998 budget request with respect to tuition assistance; jointly, to the Committees on House and Oversight and Appropriations.

813. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification that Thailand has adopted a regulatory program governing the incidental taking of certain sea turtles, pursuant to Public Law 101–162, section 609(b)(2) (103 Stat. 1038); jointly, to the Committees on Resources and Appropriations.

814. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to include American Samoa in the Act of October 4, 1984 (98 Stat. 1732, 48 U.S.C. section 1662a), dealing with territories of the United States, and for other purposes; jointly, to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary.

815. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Department's third edition of the surface transportation research and development plan, pursuant to Public Law 102–240, section 6009(b)(8) (105 Stat. 2177); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

816. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's budget request for fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

817. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's amended budget request for fiscal year 1998; jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

818. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a copy of the Safety Board's appeal letter to OMB regarding the fiscal year 1998 budget request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1903(b)(7); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

819. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board's 1996 annual report to the President and the Congress, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(6); jointly, to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations.

820. A letter from the Associate Director, National Institute for Standards and Technology, transmitting the Institute's final rule—Procedures for Implementation of the Fastener Quality Act [Docket No. 960726209–6209–01] (RIN: 0693–AA90) received October 7, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Science and Commerce.

821. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare Program; Changes Concerning Suspension of Medicare Payments, and Determination of Allowable Interest Expenses [BPO–118–FC] (RIN: 0938–AC99) received December 13, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

822. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report that identifies accounts containing unvouchered expenditures that are potentially subject to audit by the comptroller general, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3524(b); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Government Reform and Oversight.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of the rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Submitted November 26, 1996]

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. Survey of activities of the House Committee on Rules, 104th Congress (Rept. 104–868). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted December 18, 1996]

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–869). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted December 19, 1996]

Mr. LIVINGSTON: Committee on Appropriations. Report on activities of the Committee on Appropriations during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–870). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted December 20, 1996]

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Summary of legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–871). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted December 31, 1996]

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. Report on legislative and oversight activity of the Committee on Ways and Means for the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–872). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Submitted January 2, 1997]

Mrs. MEYERS: Committee on Small Business. Report of the summary of activities of the Committee on Small Business during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–873). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Report on the activities of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–874). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. Report on the activities of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–875). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Report in the matter of Representative Barbara-Rose Collins (Rept. 104–876). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. LEACH: Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Report on the activities of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–877). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. Report on legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Resources during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–878). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. Report on the activities of the Committee on the Judiciary during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–879). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. KASICH: Committee on the Budget. Activities and summary report of the Committee on the Budget during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–880). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ROBERTS: Committee on Agriculture. Report on the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–881). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. Report on the activity of the Committee on Commerce during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–882). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. Legislative review activities report of the Committee on International Relations during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–883). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SPENCE: Committee on National Security. Report of the activities of the Committee on National Security during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–884). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on House Oversight. Report of the activities of the Committee on House Oversight during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–885). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Report of the activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–886). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WALKER: Committee on Science. Summary of activities of the Committee on Science during the 104th Congress (Rept. 104–887). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BALLENGER (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. STENHOLM, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. UPTON, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. PETRI, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. NEY, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. SMITH of Texas):

H.R. 1. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. LAZIO of New York:

H.R. 2. A bill to repeal the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BRYANT, and Mr. CANADY of Florida):

H.R. 3. A bill to combat violent youth crime and increase accountability for juvenile criminal offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR):

H.R. 4. A bill to provide off-budget treatment for the highway trust fund, the airport and airway trust fund, the inland waterways trust fund, and the harbor maintenance trust fund; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. TALENT, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 5. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MCKEON:

H.R. 6. A bill to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BEREUTER,

Mr. BRYANT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HORN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WELLER):

H.R. 7. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny citizenship at birth to children born in the United States of parents who are not citizens or permanent resident aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BONO, and Mr. CONDIT):

H.R. 8. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 9. A bill to waive certain prohibitions with respect to nationals of Cuba coming to the United States to play organized professional baseball; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. LAZIO of New York):

H.R. 10. A bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ARCHER:

H.R. 11. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit political action committees from making contributions or expenditures for the purpose of influencing elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 12. A bill to prevent handgun violence and illegal commerce in handguns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BASS:

H.R. 13. A bill to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of owner of the lands; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DREIER (for himself, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. HALL of Texas):

H.R. 14. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide maximum rates of tax on capital gains of 14 percent for individuals and 28 percent for corporations and to index the basis of assets of individuals for purposes of determining gains and losses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. CARDIN):

H.R. 15. A bill to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve preventive benefits under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 16. A bill to provide a program of national health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in pollution to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POMEROY:

H.R. 17. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings by allowing more individuals to make contributions to individual retirement plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 18. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase to 100 percent the amount of the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 19. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for higher education expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MICA:

H.R. 20. A bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish a Capitol Visitor Center under the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H.R. 21. A bill to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCHUGH:

H.R. 22. A bill to reform the postal laws of the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. CLAY:

H.R. 23. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for legal accountability for sweatshop conditions in the garment industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia:

H.R. 24. A bill to provide for State credit union representation on the National Credit Union Administration Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 25. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the percentage of completion method of accounting shall not be required to be used with respect to contracts for the manufacture of property if no payments are required to be made before the completion of the manufacture of such property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARR of Georgia (for himself and Mr. STUMP):

H.R. 26. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. HOLDEN):

H.R. 27. A bill to protect the right to obtain firearms for security, and to use firearms in defense of self, family, or home, and to provide for the enforcement of such right; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEREUTER:

H.R. 28. A bill to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the loan guarantee program for multifamily rental housing in rural areas; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SABO, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin):

H.R. 29. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, NY, as the ''Ronald H. Brown Federal Building''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. EHLERS:

H.R. 30. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make nondischargeable a debt for death or injury caused by the debtor's operation of watercraft or aircraft while intoxicated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself and Mr. KANJORSKI):

H.R. 31. A bill to reform the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BAKER (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. LAZIO OF NEW YORK):

H.R. 32. A bill to terminate the property disposition program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development providing single family properties for use for the homeless; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BEREUTER:

H.R. 33. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to extend the loan guarantee program for Indian housing; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

H.R. 34. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from making contributions or expenditures in connection with an election for Federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight.

H.R. 35. A bill to provide a more effective remedy for inadequate trade benefits extended to the United States by other countries and for restrictions on free emigration imposed by other countries; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BEREUTER (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 36. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Mongolia; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 37. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to exempt veterans' organizations from regulations prohibiting the solicitation of contributions on postal property; to the Committee on Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 39. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. NORWOOD):

H.R. 38. A bill to provide a minimum survivor annuity for the unremarried surviving spouses of retired members of the Armed Forces who died before having an opportunity to participate in the survivor benefit plan; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 40. A bill to acknowledge the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to examine the institution of slavery, subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GINGRICH:

H.R. 41. A bill to provide a sentence of death for certain importations of significant quantities of controlled substances; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 42. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to any employer who employs a member of the Ready Reserve or of the National Guard for a portion of the value of the service not performed for the employer while the employee is performing service as such a member; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 43. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to any employer who employs a member of the Ready Reserve or of the National Guard for a portion of the compensation paid by the employer while the employee is performing service as such a member; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 44. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited authority for concurrent payment of retired pay and veterans' disability compensation for certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CLEMENT:

H.R. 45. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for an improved benefit computation formula for workers who attain age 65 in or after 1982 and to whom applies the 15-year period of transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977 and related beneficiaries and to provide prospectively for increases in their benefits accordingly; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COBLE:

H.R. 46. A bill to repeal the provision of law under which pay for Members of Congress is automatically adjusted; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 47. A bill to make Members of Congress ineligible to participate in the Federal Employees' Retirement System; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 48. A bill to limit the duration of certain benefits afforded to former Presidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONDIT:

H.R. 49. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to prevent the U.S. Postal Service from disclosing the name or addresses of any postal patrons or other persons, except under certain conditions; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 50. A bill to provide for the operation of a combined post exchange and commissary store at Castle Air Force Base, CA, a military installation selected for closure under the base closure laws, in order to ensure that adequate services remain available to the numerous members of the Armed Forces, retired members, and their dependents who reside in the vicinity of the installation; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 51. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that persons retiring from the Armed Forces shall be entitled to all benefits which were promised them when they entered the Armed Forces; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 52. A bill to establish a code of fair information practices for health information, to amend section 552a of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FROST, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE):

H.R. 53. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a Higher Education Accumulation Program [HEAP] under which individuals are allowed a deduction for contributions to HEAP accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. LANTOS, and Ms. LOFGREN):

H.R. 54. A bill to amend the Andean Trade Preference Act to prohibit the provision of duty-free treatment under the act for live plants and fresh cut flowers described in chapter 6 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 55. A bill to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 relating to the dumping of dredged material in Long Island Sound, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R. 56. A bill to authorize establishment of a Department of Veterans Affairs ambulatory care facility in Brookhaven, NY; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 57. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify that residents of certain neighborhoods which are underserved by depository institutions may become members of any Federal credit union which establishes a branch in such neighborhood; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Ms. FURSE (for herself, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. YATES, Mr. WOLF, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CLAY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. LAFALCE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SABO, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. WAMP, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. NEY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. GREEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MANTON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. STARK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. GORDON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HAMILTON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 58. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve Medicare treatment and education for beneficiaries with diabetes by providing coverage of diabetes outpatient self-management training services and uniform coverage of blood-testing strips for individuals with diabetes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. STUMP, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. LINDER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. ISTOOK, and Mr. GRAHAM):

H.R. 59. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HAYWORTH:

H.R. 60. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark in Springerville, AZ; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HERGER:

H.R. 61. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to assure that the operations of

the Forest Service are free of racial, sexual, and ethnic discrimination; to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 62. A bill to provide relief to State and local governments from Federal regulation; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 63. A bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, CA, as Trinity Lake; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HERGER (for himself and Ms. DUNN of Washington):

H.R. 64. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an inflation adjustment for the amount of the maximum benefit under the special estate tax valuation rules for certain farm, and so forth, real property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. NORWOOD):

H.R. 65. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

H.R. 66. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide protections for Medicare beneficiaries who enroll in Medicare managed care plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HERGER:

H.R. 67. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit or refund of motor fuel excise taxes on fuel used by the motor of a highway vehicle to operate certain power takeoff equipment on such vehicle; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLDEN (for himself, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 68. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOLDEN:

H.R. 69. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase to 100 percent the amount of the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. SANFORD):

H.R. 70. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit multicandidate political committee contributions and expenditures in elections for Federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. KNOLLENBERG:

H.R. 71. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage and overtime requirements individuals who volunteer their time in order to enhance their occupational opportunities; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 72. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to allow the making of a copy of a computer program in connection with the maintenance or repair of a computer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 73. A bill to amend section 101 of title 11 of the United States Code to modify the definition of single asset real estate and to make technical corrections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 74. A bill to protect the voting rights of homeless citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri (for herself, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. LUTHER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. BOSWELL, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE):

H.R. 75. A bill to establish the National Commission on the Long-Term Solvency of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MORAN of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HEFNER, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia):

H.R. 76. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit covered beneficiaries under the military health care system who are also entitled to Medicare to enroll in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POMEROY:

H.R. 77. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to limit expenditures in House of Representatives elections; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. REGULA:

H.R. 78. A bill to assess the impact of the NAFTA, to require further negotiation of certain provisions of the NAFTA, to establish a commission to review the dispute settlement reports of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RIGGS:

H.R. 79. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ROEMER:

H.R. 80. A bill to require the return of excess amounts from the representational allowances of Members of the House of Representatives to the Treasury for deficit reduction; to the Committee on House Oversight.

H.R. 81. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the ''Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse''; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. SLAUGHTER):

H.R. 82. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing tax benefits to individuals who save for, or pay for, higher education; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

H.R. 83. A bill to enhance and protect retirement savings; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER:

H.R. 84. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require radio and television broadcasters to provide free broadcasting time for political advertising; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 85. A bill to improve the regulation of explosives and explosive materials, and to prevent the use of explosives against persons and the unlawful use of explosives against property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. POMEROY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. POMBO, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 86. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow farmers to income average over 2 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 87. A bill to oppose the provision of assistance to the People's Republic of China by any international financial institution; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

H.R. 88. A bill to suspend Federal education benefits to individuals convicted of drug offenses; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 89. A bill to require preemployment drug testing with respect to applicants for Federal employment; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 90. A bill to require random drug testing within the executive branch of the Government; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

H.R. 91. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reduce funding if States do not enact legislation that requires the death penalty in certain cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 92. A bill to require random drug testing of Federal judicial branch officers and employees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 93. A bill to prohibit the importation of foreign-made flags of the United States of America; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BATEMAN:

H.R. 94. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide an exemption from overtime compensation for firefighters and rescue squad members who volunteer their services; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 95. A bill to ensure that Federal agencies establish the appropriate procedures for assessing whether or not Federal regulations might result in the taking of private property, and to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the Congress with respect to such takings under programs of the Department of Agriculture; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 96. A bill to provide regulatory assistance for small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. UPTON:

H.R. 97. A bill to amend section 207 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit Members of Congress after leaving office from representing foreign governments before the U.S. Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VENTO:

H.R. 98. A bill to regulate the use by interactive computer services of personally identifiable information provided by subscribers to such services; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WHITE (for himself and Mr. HORN):

H.R. 99. A bill to establish a temporary commission to recommend reforms in the laws relating to elections for Federal office; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BONIER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. YATES):

H.R. 100. A bill to establish the Commonwealth of Guam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOEHNER:

H. Res. 1. Resolution electing officers of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ARMEY:

H. Res. 2. Resolution electing officers of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 3. Resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 4. Resolution authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 5. Resolution adopting the Rules of the House for the 105th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H. Res. 6. Resolution providing for the designation of certain minority employees; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOEHNER:

H. Res. 7. Resolution establishing the Corrections Day Calendar Office; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H. Res. 8. Resolution providing for the attendance of the House at the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 9. Resolution fixing the daily hour of meeting for the 105th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H. Res. 10. Resolution authorizing the Speaker's designee to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Frank Tejeda; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 11. Resolution authorizing the Speaker's designee to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Julia Carson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOEHNER:

H. Res. 12. Resolution designating majority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FAZIO of California:

H. Res. 13. Resolution designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

H. Res. 14. Resolution electing Representative SANDERS of Vermont to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Government Reform and Oversight; considered and agreed to.

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

1. By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to the compensation of retired military personnel; to the Committee on National Security.

2. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Hornet* (CV–12); to the Committee on National Security.

3. Also, memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to require the Federal Communications Commission to approve the assignment of new area codes specifically designated for facsimile machines, modems, cellular phones, and pagers; to the Committee on Commerce.

4. Also, memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to Senate Resolution No. 154 urging the President of the United States and Congress to support establishment of a timetable for the admission of the Republic of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on International Relations.

5. Also, memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to urging the President and Congress of the United States to support the admission of the Republic of Poland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on International Relations.

6. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to resolution of the conflict in Liberia; to the Committee on International Relations.

7. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to a cure breast cancer postal stamp donation program; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

8. Also, memorial of Senate of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature of the Mariana Islands, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 10–7 requesting the U.S. House of Representatives to convey nonvoting delegate status to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Resources.

9. Also, memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to school lands; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

1. By the SPEAKER: Petition of Maria Luisa Costell Gaydos, petitioner, relative to articles of impeachment against Carol Los Mansmann, circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals—Third Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2. Also, petition of Cecil Ray Taylor, U.S. citizen and petitioner, relative to complaint on military involvement in misprision of treason and other criminal acts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION AND FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL EDITION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THE 104TH CONGRESS

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 104–169, and section 7 of House Resolution 546, 104th Congress, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker on October 28, 1996, appointed the following members to the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission on the part of the House: Ms. Kay Coles James, Virginia; and Mr. J. Terrence Lanni, Nevada.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed on October 23, 1996, by the Speaker pro tempore [Mrs. MORELLA]:

H.R. 4236. An act to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 6, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, January 6, 1997 at 2:06 p.m.:

That the Senate failed of passage (veto message) H.R. 1833.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, *Clerk,*
U.S. House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that the Keeper of Records, Legislative Resource Center, Office of the Clerk, has been served with a subpoena for documents issued by the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, State of Kansas, indicating that, according to the results of the General Election held on November 5, 1996, and pursuant to K.S.A. 25–3503(d), which states, ''In the event that any vacancy occurs . . . on or after the date of any general election of state officers and before the term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the office of congressman in the district in which such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term,'' the Honorable Jim Ryun was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Second Congressional District, State of Kansas.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Rebecca McDowell Cook, Secretary of State, State of Missouri, indicating that, according to the results of the Special Election held on November 5, 1996, the Honorable Jo Ann Emerson was elected to the office of Representative in Congress, from the Eighth Congressional District, State of Missouri.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THORNTON submitted the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 14, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter of resignation as a Member of Congress, effective at noon on January 1, 1997 which I have tendered to the appropriate Arkansas State Authority.

Best personal regards,

RAY THORNTON.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 1996.

Hon. SHARON PRIEST,
Secretary of State, The Capitol, Little Rock, AR

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: Pursuant to the results of the general election of November 5, 1996, I will be taking office as an Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court on January 1, 1997. I therefore hereby submit my resignation as Arkansas second district Representative in the United States Congress to you effective at noon on January 1, 1997. Until that time I will continue to carry out my duties as your Congressman.

Best personal regards,

RAY THORNTON.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 26, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
H232 The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR NEWT: Attached please find a copy of the letter I have sent to Kansas Governor Bill Graves informing him that I am resigning from the House of Representatives effective at 12:00 p.m. central time on Wednesday, November 27th, 1996.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with you in the House of Representatives. We enacted reforms during the 104th Congress that has moved this country in the right direction. I look forward to continuing to work with you to balance the federal budget, reduce the size, scope, and intrusiveness of the federal government, and restore the American Dream.

Sincerely,

SAM BROWNBACK,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 25, 1996.

Governor BILL GRAVES,
State Capitol, Topeka, KS.

DEAR GOVERNOR GRAVES: For the past two years, it has been my privilege to serve the people of Kansas' Second District as their elected Representative in the U.S. Congress. It has been an eventful tenure.

These are remarkable times, and public servants have a tremendous opportunity and responsibility for making America a better place.

There is much work to be done, and the people rightly expect that we will begin it in earnest. Toward that end, I am scheduled to be sworn in as a U.S. Senator for Kansas at 2:00 p.m. central time, Wednesday, November 27, 1996. Accordingly, I am resigning my seat in the U.S. House of Representatives effective at 12:00 p.m. central time, Wednesday, November 27, 1996.

The work of renewing America is unfinished. I see cause for great hope as I believe we are now clearly focused on those very

problems which most confound us. There has never been a challenge which the American nation recognized clearly and approached resolutely which we did not overcome. We have cause for great Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

SAM BROWNBACK.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE ANNA ESHOO

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I will make the determination required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

CAROL D. RICHARDSON.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE BOBBY RUSH

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 12, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the Municipal Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo, South San Francisco Branch.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

ANNE REAM,
Field Representative.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the 2d session, 104th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

On August 13, 1996:

H.R. 1975. An act to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

On August 20, 1996:

H.R. 2739. An act to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3139. An act to redesignate the United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, New York, as the ''Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building'';

H.R. 3448. An act to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, to increase the take home pay of workers, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer owned vehicles, and to amend the Fair Labor Standard Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate and to prevent job loss by providing flexibility to employers in complying with minimum wage and overtime requirements under that Act;

H.R. 3834. An act to redesignate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, as the ''Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office''; and

H.R. 3870. An act to authorize the Agency for International Development to offer voluntary separation incentive payments to employees of the agency.

On August 21, 1996:

H.R. 3103. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3680. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to carry out the international obligations of the United States, under the Geneva Conventions to provide criminal penalties for certain war crimes.

On August 22, 1996:

H.R. 3734. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

On September 9, 1996:

H.R. 3845. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 16, 1996:

H.R. 3269. An act to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3517. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 18, 1996:

H.R. 740. An act to confer jurisdiction on the United States Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe.

On September 21, 1996:

H.R. 3396. An act to define and protect the institution of marriage.

On September 22, 1996:

H.R. 4018. An act to make technical corrections in the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982.

On September 23, 1996:

H.R. 3230. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

On September 25, 1996:

H.R. 1642. An act to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Cambodia, and for other purposes.

On September 26, 1996:

H.R. 3666. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On September 30, 1996:

H.J. Res. 197. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to any bill or joint resolution of the One Hundred Fourth Congress making general or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1997;

H.R. 3610. An act making omnibus consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3675. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3816. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

On October 1, 1996:

H.J. Res. 191. Joint resolution to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa;

H.R. 1772. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex;

H.R. 2428. An act to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law;

H.R. 2464. An act to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2512. An act to provide for certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2679. An act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;

H.R. 3120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering;

H.R. 3287. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, Nebraska;

H.R. 3553. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; and

H.R. 3676. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

On October 2, 1996:

H.R. 2366. An act to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement;

H.R. 2504. An act to designate the Federal Building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the ''Veach-Baley Federal Complex'';

H.R. 2685. An act to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank;

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;

H.R. 3074. An act to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone;

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the ''Sammy L. Davis Federal Building'';

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the ''Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and United States Courthouse'';

H.R. 3710. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 611 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the ''Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse''; and

H.R. 3802. An act to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, and for other purposes.

On October 8, 1996:

H.R. 1350. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3056. An act to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county.

On October 9, 1996:

H.R. 657. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas;

H.R. 680. An act to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects;

H.R. 1011. An act to extend deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio;

H.R. 1014. An act to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license;

H.R. 1031. An act for the relief of Oscar Salas-Velazquez;

H.R. 1290. An act to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1335. An act to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia;

H.R. 1366. An act to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project;

H.R. 1791. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make certain technical corrections relating to physicians' services;

H.R. 2501. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2508. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2594. An act to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2630. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois;

H.R. 2660. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2695. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania;

H.R. 2700. An act to designate the building located at 8302 FM 327, Elmendorf, Texas, which houses operations of the United States Postal Service, as the ''Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building'';

H.R. 2773. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2816. An act to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2869. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky;

H.R. 2967. An act to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2988. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules;

H.R. 3068. An act to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act;

H.R. 3118. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform eligibility for health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to authorize major medical facility construction projects for the Department, to improve administration of health care by the Department, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3458. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3539. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3546. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3660. An act to make amendments to the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3871. An act to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations;

H.R. 3877. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 351 West Washington Street in Camden, Arkansas, as the ''David H. Pryor Post Office Building'';

H.R. 3916. An act to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings;

H.R. 3973. An act to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives;

H.R. 4138. An act to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4167. An act to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 4168. An act to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

October 11, 1996:

H.J. Res. 198. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress and the day for the counting in Congress of the electoral votes for President and Vice President cast in December 1996;

H.R. 543. An act to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1514. An act to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance safety, training, research and development, and safety education in the propane gas industry for the benefits of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1734. An act to reauthorize the National Film Preservation Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1823. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2297. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code;

H.R. 2579. An act to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States;

H.R. 3005. An act to amend the Federal securities laws in order to promote efficiency and capital formation in the financial markets, and to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to promote more efficient management of mutual funds, protect investors, and provide more effective and less burdensome regulation;

H.R. 3159. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3166. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter;

H.R. 3259. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3723. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 3815. An act to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws.

On October 13, 1996:

H.R. 4137. An act to combat drug-facilitated crimes of violence, including sexual assaults.

On October 14, 1996:

H.R. 4083. An act to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997.

On October 19, 1996:

H.J. Res. 193. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management assistance Compact;

H.J. Res. 194. Joint resolution granting the consent of the Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact;

H.R. 632. An act to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States;

H.R. 1087. An act to the relief of Nguyen Quy An;

H.R. 1281. An act to express the sense of the Congress that United States Government agencies in possession of records about individuals who are alleged to have committed Nazi war cries should make these records public;

H.R. 1874. An act to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, Alabama;

H.R. 3155. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 3249. An act to authorize appropriations for a mining institute or institutes to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation's seabed, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3378. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors;

H.R. 3568. An act to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

H.R. 3632. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition;

H.R. 3864. An act to amend laws authorizing auditing, reporting, and other functions by the General Accounting Office;

H.R. 3910. An act to provide emergency drought relief to the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Texas, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4036. An act making certain provisions with respect to internationally recognized human rights, refugees, and foreign relations; and

H.R. 4194. An act to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process, and for other purposes.

October 20, 1996:

H.R. 1776. An act to establish United States commemorative coin programs, and for other purposes.

October 26, 1996:

H.R. 3219. An act to provide Federal assistance for Indian tribe in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3452. An act to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 4283. An act to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

November 12, 1996:

H.R. 4236. An act to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the 2d session, 104th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

On August 6, 1996:

S. 531. An act to authorize a circuit judge who has taken part in an in banc hearing of a case to continue to participate in that case after taking senior status, and for other purposes;

S. 1316. An act to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the ''Safe Drinking Water Act''), and for other purposes;

S. 1757. An act to amend the Development Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to extend the Act, and for other purposes; and

S.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the compact to provide for joint natural resource management and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland.

On September 24, 1996:

S. 1669. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Jackson, Mississippi, as the ''G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center''.

On October 1, 1996:

S. 533. An act to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court, and for other purposes;

S. 677. An act to repeal a redundant venue provision, and for other purposes;

S. 1636. An act to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the ''Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse'', and for other purposes; and

S. 1995. An act to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport, and for other purposes.

On October 2, 1996:

S. 1507. An act to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, to reduce the size of the Parole Commission, and for other purposes; and

S. 1834. An act to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

On October 3, 1996:

S. 919. An act to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes;

S. 1675. An act to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes;

S. 1965. An act to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine; and

S. 2101. An act to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

On October 9, 1996:

S. 1577. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001;

S. 1711. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide for a study of the Federal programs for veterans, and for other purposes;

S. 1802. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes;

S. 1931. An act to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the ''L. Clure Morton United States Post Office and Courthouse'';

S. 1970. An act to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes;

S. 2085. An act to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services;

S. 2100. An act to provide for the extension of certain authority for the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police;

S. 2153. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located in Brewer, Maine, as the ''Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Post Office Building'', and for other purposes; and

S.J. Res. 64. Joint resolution to commend Operation Sail for its advancement of brotherhood among nations, its continuing commemoration of the history of the United States, and its nurturing of young cadets through training in seamanship.

On October 11, 1996:

S. 39. An act to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, and for other purposes;

S. 811. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies regarding the desalination of water and water reuse, and for other purposes;

S. 1044. An act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, and for other purposes;

S. 1467. An act to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes;

S. 1973. An act to provide for the settlement of the Navajo-Hopi land dispute, and for other purposes; and

S. 2197. An act to extend the authorized period of stay within the United States for certain nurses.

On October 12, 1996:

S. 640. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; and

S. 1505. An act to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, and for other purposes.

On October 14, 1996:

S. 2078. An act to authorize the sale of excess Department of Defense aircraft to facilitate the suppression of wildfire.

On October 19, 1996:

S. 342. An act to establish the Cache La Poudre River Corridor;

S. 1004. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes;

S. 1194. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes;

S. 1649. An act to extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, and for other purposes;

S. 1887. An act to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes;

S. 2183. An act to make technical corrections to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; and

S. 2198. An act to provide for the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to continue in existence, and for other purposes.